

BOB MINER NOT HELD  
BY JUDGE LANKFORD

Charles F. McMullin and his riding boss, Dick Miner, were described as the aggressors in the fatal New Year Day gun duel with Frank Riley, in testimony given by several persons purporting to be eye-witnesses of the tragedy, at a preliminary hearing Thursday for Miner, accused of the attempted murder of Riley.

To offset this damaging testimony, which, however, they described merely as "a smoke screen to cloud the real issue," attorneys for Miner at the re-opening of the hearing today, started the presentation of testimony tending to show that Riley, and not McMullin and Miner, was the aggressor, in the battle which ended in the fatal wounding of McMullin.

Soon after the close of this hearing today the witnesses and attorneys were to hasten to Bloomfield where, in another justice court, Frank Riley was to appear to defend himself of a charge of slaying McMullin.

Riley, showing but little of the effects of the duel; his estranged wife; his 13-year-old son, Jimmy; and Allen Royal, a farm hand, were the principal witnesses for the prosecution in Thursday's hearing, and each described McMullin and Miner as the ones who started the fatal argument.

Their version of the affair was a new one, one that never before had been divulged. It described the wealthy landowner and his assistant as going to the Riley home before daylight on New Year day heavily armed, really going there to "get" Riley. Most surprising of all, they declared that Miner was a third party to the duel.

The hearing was held in the town hall, crowded to capacity with friends of both Riley and Miner. The hearing, however, was conducted quietly and without incident, being featured on only one occasion by a heated clash between opposing attorneys.

Allen Royal, Riley's farm hand, who made the affidavit against Miner at the request of his employer, testified that he was an eye-witness to the shooting, that he was concealed in a barn near where the tragedy was enacted.

He was there, he said, when McMullin and Miner arrived at the Riley farm near La Valle, shortly before daybreak. He testified that as they climbed from their automobile each carried a revolver in his right hand, and as they walked from the car to a pump near the Riley house, they carried the weapons openly.

After reaching the pump, where Miner pumped water into a trough for the hogs, they placed the weapons in their pockets, he admitted.

"As Riley emerged from the house, I saw McMullin start toward him, cursing," the witness said. "He had walked only a few feet toward Riley, when he whipped out his revolver and started firing. As McMullin started toward Riley, Miner walked off to the right, to Riley's left, and when several feet away, also drew a gun from his pocket and started shooting.

"They had fired several shots, I'm not sure how many, when Riley started firing at McMullin with a shotgun he carried on his right arm. He fired two shots, and after the last, McMullin turned quickly, shoved his revolver in his pocket, and walked away. Riley then turned his gun toward Miner, but the latter begged him not to shoot and also walked away toward McMullin."

Royal said he had gone to the Riley home shortly before 6 a. m. to start the day's work and had found Riley just arising. He went to the barn, he said, remaining there until after the tragedy.

It was revealed during the testimony of Mrs. Etna Riley, wife of Frank Riley, that she and her husband had been estranged for several months and that they had been living in separate houses, Riley about a quarter of a mile from his wife. On this particular night, he had slept at her home, however, at the request of his son, Jimmy, she said.

Mrs. Riley said she was awakened when Royal came to the house and that she got up immediately and went out in the yard to get kindling wood to start a fire. While there she saw McMullin and Miner drive up, alight and said she saw the guns in their hands. She went back into the house, but didn't tell Frank of their arrival, she claims.

As her husband left the house by the front door, she said, she and her son went out a rear door, and saw Frank approach the other two men. Full details of the actual shooting were similar in nearly every respect

of those related by Royal, she claiming that McMullin was the aggressor, and that Miner fired several shots at her husband.

Jimmy, the 18-year-old son of the Rileys, told an equally detailed story of the shooting, relating, however, that he and his father had gone to La Valle the night before to get lunch and had returned late and that his father remained with him at his request. Jimmy was very positive regarding the relative positions of McMullin and Miner and was certain Miner fired at his father.

Riley's version of the shooting was similar to that of the others, except that he wouldn't say that Miner had shot at him. He was watching McMullin all the time, he said.

Riley displayed three wounds. One was on the left side of his face, the bullet striking the left cheek and emerging behind the left ear. Another grazed the back of his head, on the left side, while another struck his left forearm on the under side, entering a short distance below the elbow and emerging in the upper arm. He also testified that another shot, apparently fired from the left, struck the butt of his shotgun at right angles.

On direct examination, Riley said he went to La Valle alone the previous evening, but in further examination, said his son had joined him there later.

Attorneys for Miner examined Riley closely as to why he appeared in the yard with a shotgun if he did not know of the presence of McMullin and Miner. Riley replied that he intended taking the gun to his house, and that he often saw rabbits and ducks and intended shooting one if he could. He often carried his gun when he went out in the field, he said.

Through cross examination, it was shown that there had been difficulties between Riley and McMullin over a shipment of hogs sent to the farm by McMullin to be fed. Miner and another man named Forrester had been sent there to feed the stock, it was stated. Riley denied, however, that he had ever threatened "to shoot the — who tries to feed the hogs", or that he sent word to McMullin or Miner that he would shoot them on sight. He admitted, however, locking up feed which was to be given to the hogs, because he thought, he said, it was his right to feed them.

The hearing presented unusual angles. Aligned with Prosecuting Attorney C. A. Powell in the prosecution of Miner for the alleged shooting of Riley were J. W. Faris, George Munger, E. M. Munger and J. Val Baker, attorneys who will defend Riley of the state's charge that he murdered McMullin.

Prosecuting Powell allowed the senior Mr. Munger to conduct the case for the state against Miner. At the Bloomfield hearing today, Clarence Welborn and Harry Blanton, who yesterday defended Miner, will assist the state in Riley's prosecution. From the versions submitted at the two hearings, the prosecutor will decide which case he will try first.

The contention of Riley's attorneys is that two of the shots fired by McMullin struck Riley, one in the arm and the other in the face. The wound in the back of his head was caused by a bullet fired by Miner, while the shot which struck the butt of Riley's gun was also fired by Miner, according to their contention.

Mrs. Royal, wife of one of the chief witnesses against Miner, had been called as a witness for Miner, but failed to appear and a summons was issued for her to appear today. Through her, attorneys hope to attack the testimony of her husband.

Robert Miner today was absolved of any responsibility in the New Year Day tragedy near La Valle in which C. F. McMullin, Sikeston landowner, was shot to death in a gun duel with Frank Riley, a tenant.

Justice Lankford in a decision today, refused to hold Miner to circuit court on a charge that he attempted to kill Riley during the gun battle between Riley and McMullin.

The preliminary hearing, in progress here two days, was completed late Friday and taken under advisement by justice until today.

The decision frees Miner of any charge, unless a new information is filed directly in circuit court, which is considered highly improbable.

Justice Lankford's decision was in line with the expressed declaration at the hearing of Prosecuting Attorney Clarence A. Powell, who, in a short argument, asked that Miner be freed, saying "I cannot conscientiously prosecute him."

He declared in opening his argument at the conclusion of the hearing that "from my investigation and

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the testimony in this case I can't believe this man is guilty".

Continuing his explanation of his stand he declared "I intend to prosecute Frank Riley for the slaying of Charles McMullin and can't 'conscientiously make an argument against Miner".

The prosecutor's statements came unexpectedly and as a severe blow to Riley. Powell added that he expected to ask the circuit court judge to appoint a special prosecutor in the trial of Miner, if he should be bound over to circuit court.

Miner, one of the principal witnesses for the defense, in his testimony denied every charge made by the Riley witness that he participated in the gun duel, and named Riley as the aggressor.

He declared that he was unarmed at the time, and he took no part in the fight, except to assist McMullin away after he had been fatally wounded by Riley. He said that Riley attempted to shoot him, but that the gun was accidentally discharged as Riley was raising it to his shoulder. Also, he explained, he didn't know that McMullin was armed until the firing started.

Miner declared that on the day previous to the tragedy he had been warned by another tenant on McMullin's farm that "Riley had said that he would get the next — who tries to bother those hogs", and that he communicated this information to McMullin.

They had consulted together, Miner explained, and decided that they would move the hogs away from the Riley farm to avoid trouble. They went to the farm about 7 a. m. on New Year Day, he testified. After leaving their automobile, they went to the hog barn and while they were attempting to thaw out a pump to provide water for the swine, Riley came out of his house with a pail of water, apparently to aid them.

After talking for a few minutes, Miner testified, Mr. McMullin told Riley, "Frank I guess we'll have to move our hogs, or they all will die." At this, Riley became enraged, according to Miner, and declared "the best thing you can do is to leave those hogs here", according to Miner, who was in employee of Mr. McMullin.

Then Riley walked into the house and emerged a moment later with the shotgun, loading it as he walked toward them, Miner said. The above account of the preliminary hearing of the State vs. Robert Miner charged with assault with intent to kill Frank Riley, was taken from the Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian. Thursday, the first day of the trial, was reported by a staff man of that paper, who apparently did not notice any of the evidence that might seem favorable to Miner and the report of Friday's session in Justice Lankford's court, was taken from the official testimony as taken by a court reporter and transcribed especially for the Cape Missourian as their staff man was not present to hear anything favorable to Miner. No criticism can be made to this story.

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it was discharged accidentally and the load struck the ground a few feet away.

Elmer Forrester, another tenant of McMullin's, who had been sent to the Riley farm to feed the hogs which caused the trouble and which had been shipped there by McMullin, testified to threats that Riley had made.

Challenging the testimony of several witnesses for Riley, attorneys for Miner used Mrs. Grimm, a neighbor of Riley's, who testified that she was at the Riley home as McMullin and Miner arrived in their car. She had gone there to get some tobacco for her husband, she said, and saw the two Sikeston men arrive in their automobile.

Neither was armed, as far as she could tell, she said, and she contradicted statements of the Rileys that both men were swinging revolvers in their hands as they walked from the car. She left the house before the shooting, however, and was a quarter of a mile away when she heard the shots, she testified.

Her testimony was directly opposite to that of Frank Riley, his wife Etna, their son, Jimmy and Allen Royal, a farm hand, who said he was an eye-witness. They didn't mention in their testimony that Mrs. Grimm was at the house.

Attorneys for Miner charged in their arguments before Justice Lankford that Riley was attempting to set up "a smoke screen behind which he hoped to escape punishment for slaying McMullin". They challenged his testimony and that of his witness, pointing out what they claimed were serious discrepancies.

Bloomfield, January 3.—The preliminary hearing for Frank Riley, charged with the murder of Charles F. McMullin of Sikeston, was continued until next Friday when called in justice court here Friday.

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JAKE GOLDSTEIN'S STORE  
TAPPED SECOND TIME

Thieves entered Jake Goldstein's second hand store Thursday night and took about 25 suits of clothes and 4 overcoats. This is the second time this store has been broken into the past thirty days. The previous occasion about the same amount of clothing was taken and the party or parties made good their escape tho' bloodhounds were brought from Cape Girardeau in the attempt to trail the thieves to their den. This time the front window was broken out and thru the hole the goods were taken. At least two or more people were engaged and the job was pulled off between 6:00 and 6:30 in the morning as at 6:00 o'clock Green Lescher reports putting a paper in the box by the store door and the glass was not broken. At 6:30 Wade Shankle passed and noticed the window being broken called Goldstein. A ball of twine had become tangled in some of the clothing and unbound from the store window around the corner of the house, which direction the stolen goods were carried, evidently to a car parked back of the sheds. Further back in the yard was found two hats that had been dropped from the arm load of goods.

This is pretty tough luck on this firm as fifty suits of clothes and eleven overcoats are a heavy loss. It is doubtful if any trace of the thieves will ever be found.

MERRY DANCE CLUB DANCE  
WELL ATTENDED LAST WEEK

An interesting social event was the dance given by the Merry Dance Club at the Armory hall on Thursday night. Thirty couples were on the floor for the first dance and onlookers were not to be seen for the next two hours, at the end of which time the grand march was formed with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Sands as leaders, and the dancers were lead into the dining room, where sandwiches and coffee were served by the hostesses Mrs. Charles Bowman and Mrs. Clarence Scott. After refreshments, the dancers were again on the floor ready for the music and danced another hour before saying "good-night" and returning to their homes looking forward to the next dance in about two weeks. The music was furnished by the Merry Dance Club Orchestra.

Good-bye, Icky! good luck to you!

JOHN FELKER DRINKS A  
SMALL AMOUNT KEROSENE

John, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Felker, got hold of some kerosene at the home Friday and drank a small quantity of it. He was discovered lying on the kitchen floor, unconscious, black in the face and apparently dead. Medical aid was hurriedly sought and after a time the lad revived.

The kerosene had strangled or choked him and but the timely arrival of the doctor he would have died. At this time he seems none the worse for his experience, but keeps away from the coal oil vessel, where he got his drink.

SIKESTON LAD OPERATED  
ON FOR APPENDICITIS

The 15-year-old son of Oscar Pharis, was hurried to the hospital at Cairo, Saturday morning, where he was operated on for appendicitis. He came near passing away while on the operating table, but heroic work brought him around. The lad weighed 140 pounds and it required an unusual amount of anesthetics to quiet him and it was thought that was the trouble. Reports from the hospital Sunday evening were favorable.

FORMER SIKESTONIAN  
GETS OKLAHOMA DIVORCE

Dr. F. M. O'Kelley, former practicing physician of Sikeston, was granted a divorce at Miami, Okla., January 26, 1926, from his wife, Effie B. O'Kelley. We are not advised as to the cause. Dr. O'Kelley ran a drug store on Prosperity Street for many years and practiced his profession as a physician and surgeon. He is now living at Picher, Okla.

Joe Stubbs and family, who have been living at the home of Mrs. Maude Stubbs since selling their home last fall, have moved into one of Ned Matthews' new houses on Park Avenue.

Miss Janice Alsip of Willow Springs is spending a few days in Sikeston with Mrs. J. E. Alsip and Charles. Miss Alsip is on her way to Detroit, Mich., where she will enter Ford's Hospital, to take nurses' training.

SIKESTON SEWER JAM  
A HARD NUT TO CRACK

Our City Council have a proposition before them that is causing some loss of sleep and a bit of worry.

When the bond issue was voted, it was believed a bid could be had that would come within the money available, or about \$82,000. A Kansas contracting firm signed a letter that they could complete the system as laid out for about \$77,000. A few changes were made and the same people said they could complete for about \$80,000 if they could be given the contract within a stated time. It was estimated by the engineers, Wilcox & Berthe, that it would take \$98,000, plus engineers fees, to complete the proposition. Anyway, the election was ordered, the issue passed, the bonds sold at a premium, the job advertised and when time to open bids arrived some four out of five contracting firms were represented, but as their bids were so much higher than the available money, only one of them submitted a bid which was about \$106,000, or \$20,000 more than the bond issue.

Now the riddle: Sikeston has the money laying up in the bank drawing a small interest, and they are paying a larger interest for the money.

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## SIKESTON STANDARD

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The Standard wonders if close questioning of Leonard Wynn, the companion of James Curtis, who was recently drowned in a ditch near La Forge in New Madrid County, would bring to light a different story. Two sets of tracks led to the ditch bank and one set led into the ditch. Were these two boys drunk or sober when the accident happened and how does anyone know moonshiners run him into the ditch? Was Wynn's shoes compared to the other set of tracks on the ditch bank? It looks to us like it might have been an accidental drowning when under the influence of liquor or instead of being pursued by and shot at by moonshiners. These boys, so the report goes, had stolen some of the still apparatus and might they not have stolen some of the liquor?

Loafing, like some other things that could be mentioned, is not what it used to be in the small town. Grocery stores used to keep barrels of crackers, boxes of herring, baskets of apples, kegs of pickles, huge cylinders of cheese and cabbages of other sorts in easy reach of all comers. No protest was made when a hungry man or boy went down the line and mooched a lunch, which most anybody did on frequent occasions. Nowa-

days those palate ticklers are mostly displayed in glass cases and the loafer is expected to pay for what he picks up. This account for the fact that the lunch counter, then an unknown thing in small towns, is now a flourishing institution. It also accounts for the fact that running a grocery store is no longer an open road to the poor house.

Senator Norris, Republican, makes very serious charges against the president of the United States in connection with an unfavorable report the tariff commission was about to make on the necessity for lower sugar tariff. Another senator produced evidence last week that the president had appointed men to important boards only after asking them to sign resignations through which he could get rid of them any time their activities became displeasing. There never has been in the White House, the public is beginning to learn, a man who is more thoroughly out of sympathy with the masses or more completely committed to the idea that an aristocracy of wealth should be fostered in this nation at everybody else's expense.

Considerable feeling has been aroused in Sikeston by friends of the late C. F. McMullin, over the reports of the shooting of Mr. McMullin on January 1, by Frank Riley, as printed in the Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian. The Standard is not saying that the paper is not trying to be fair, but we are saying the reports given them emanating from Bloomfield have been unfair and colored in such a manner as to make the reader believe that Riley, the maker and seller of moonshine whiskey, was the abused party. We are going to say further, that the party interested in putting on these unfair stories, is interested in the defense of Riley and could not give an unbiased account of the affair. The report as printed in their Friday edition used only that part of the testimony of the preliminary trial of Miner at Essex that was favorable to Riley and did not give any of the discrepancies that developed. There was little doubt in the minds of those unbiased, who were present Thursday, but what a good part of the testimony on behalf of Riley was rehearsed and some of it bordering on perjury, if not perjury.

The Standard is in receipt of a letter from Katherine Halterman, secretary of the Democratic State Committee, asking for co-operation for the Democratic ticket this fall. The co-operation of The Standard depends largely on circumstances. If any of the Democratic nominees wear the collar of Reed, or indorse his fight on the World Court or the League of Nations, The Standard will not support them and the editor will not vote for them. We control no other vote. If a Divine Providence should remove Reed in any way, the Democratic Party could win, but with him, a political traitor, running wild in the State, it is a 10 to 1 shot how the election will go.

You may sometimes hear some people in good company interlard their discourse with oaths, by way of embellishment, as they think; but you must observe, too, that those who do so are never those who contribute in any degree to give that company the denomination of good company.—Letters of Lord Chesterfield to His Son, October, 1748.

Inside of another month new maple syrup and freshly dug sassafras will be on the market, the robins will be coming back and greens not more than six weeks ahead. People who imagine they have nothing to live for will please take notice and change their tune.—Paris Appeal.

More than 43,000 miles of wire in the Bell System carry telephone messages throughout the nation. Practically all of this mileage, 96 per cent, is copper.

What are regarded as the ancestors of modern men are known as the Cro-Magnon races, coming, it is conjectured, from the East by way of Northern Africa.

Monday night, February 8, is the time to select officers for the Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year. This should be of special interest of the business men of the city and they should be present to have a voice in the selection of these officers.

It is a well known fact that every city needs and should have a real Chamber of Commerce if it is to progress. Sikeston must go forward, and matters that are to come up for consideration at an early day, requires a Chamber of Commerce to get behind them in order to insure the success of the propositions. The merchant is the one who benefits most by the growth of the city and the community and they have been slow to attend the meetings and lend their assistance to the few officers and the handful of men who do attend. The hall should be crowded on this occasion.

It looks very much like there will be strange bedfellows in the Missouri political bed this campaign. We are to witness the spectacle of Williams, Republican, and Reed, so-called Democrat, stumping the State against the World Court which has already become a law by a rousing majority. How will either one of them help his party in the State by raising Old Ned on a question that has already been settled. It will place either Democrat or Republican in an embarrassing position to have to declare himself on either side to get the support or be skinned by these obstructionists.



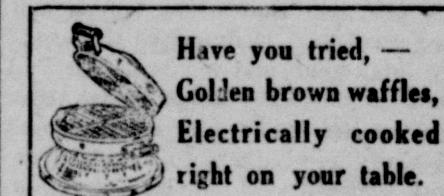
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## HARDIN M. CROWE OF DEXTER MARRIES

Hardin M. Crowe of Dexter and Miss Daisy M. Miller of Cape Girardeau were married Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Miller, and today were in St. Louis where they will spend a short honeymoon. The ceremony, an unpretentious affair, was attended only by the immediate family of the attractive bride and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Miller, her uncle and aunt, who live at Corral, Idaho. Rev. J. Pendleton Scruggs, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, was the officiating clergyman.

Mrs. Crowe, who has been a teacher at Lormier school here, had previously resigned her position, but remained at her post until 3 o'clock of the afternoon of the nuptials. She is of favorably known family who resided at Millersville before moving to Cape Girardeau a number of years ago.

The bride wore an attractive salmon pink gown. Immediately after the ceremony changed to a traveling costume preparatory to the motor trip to St. Louis.

Crowe is associated with his father, Edmund Pendleton Crowe, in publishing The Dexter Statesman, and for some time, after attending Missouri University, was employed by The Missourian. He is widely known in Southeast Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowe will make their home at Dexter.—Cape Missourian.

## MRS. CORRIGAN CAN'T QUITE FIGURE HOW IT HAPPENED

Mrs. John Corrigan does not believe in counting her chickens before they hatch, and she gives herewith the reasons:

A little over three weeks ago Mrs. Corrigan placed 11 eggs under an old hen that had a "setting disposition". She put the hen and her eggs in a place where other hens could not get to her, and let her remain. A few days ago, Mrs. Corrigan heard the chirping of little chicks. She went to examine the new arrivals and was astonished to find an even dozen chickens and two unhatched eggs.

Mrs. Corrigan has been wondering how it happened, and believes there must have been three sets of "twins".—Poplar Bluff Republican.

## TWO FLYERS UNHURT IN 600-FOOT FALL

West Plains, Mo., January 29.—An airplane piloted by Capt. H. R. Heimler of Garnett, Kan., and with Frank Rosser of West Plains as a passenger fell six hundred feet and crashed on the roof of two-story brick building on Washington avenue here today.

Their escape from death was miraculous, the metal and wooden roof breaking the fall.

The plane had been here two days carrying passengers and doing stunt flying. The rudder broke and the plane plunged downward. It was a total wreck.

H. A. Hill made a business trip to St. Louis and Evansville the first part of the week.

Mrs. C. E. Brenton and children were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Blanton, Sunday.

Mrs. Louis Baker, Mrs. J. A. Hess, Mrs. Grover Baker and Mrs. Maude Stubbs were visitors of the Illinois W. C. T. U. Monday afternoon.

Nineteen years old and a mother for the fourth time. This is the record of Mrs. Cash Lawhead, who presented her husband with a girl baby Friday. Mrs. Lawhead is only nineteen years old and is the mother of four children, and no twins in the family. She was married to Cash Lawhead, former county clerk of Howell County, when only fourteen years old.—West Plains Gazette.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

The undersigned administrator of the estate of John West, deceased, will offer for sale at public outcry in front of Hinchee's store at

Salcedo, Mo., Saturday, February 6

at 2:00 p. m., the personal property of said deceased, consisting of one log wagon complete, log chains, cant hook, a team of two good young bay horses and their harness.

Terms of Sale Made Known On Day of Sale

ROBERT THOMAS, Administrator

## MINUTES OF MEETING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Meeting called to order by President Young. He then drew plans for financing of the new shirt factory, as follows:

Cotton compress ..... \$65,000

Cost for 15,000 bale compress 30,000

Cost to shirt factory ..... \$35,000

15,000 bales cotton per year

At \$1 per bale ..... \$15,000

4 1/4 yrs. your money back of 65,000

Matter of letter from Mr. Grist of the Retail Merchants Institute in which he offers to come down and give three days and three nights lecture himself for \$250 was discussed.

Mr. Hinchee reported that he wrote Mr. Rowen, Secretary Elder Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, that we had the required number of applicants for shirt factory, but had not heard from him. The Secretary was ordered to write him a letter.

President Young stated that the coming year would be the greatest of all. The last year's work resulted in the passing of the sewer system bonds, the securing of the right-of-way for Highway No. 16 and the donating of the artesian well to the City of Sikeston.

He also said that we now have a concern wanting to locate here that is equal to the Ford plant, Malone avenue to be opened and the shirt factory established.

The matter of the Pig Club notes taken up, and \$1856.24 being now due the Banks, the Finance Committee reported that only four of its members were present and that they could not agree and would wait to get all six members present. They met again and after calling the two members over the phone, reported that a majority favored paying \$1000 on Pig Club notes. Motion then made by C. F. Bruton and seconded by C. C. White that the Chamber of Commerce pay the \$1000 on notes, and motion carried.

Matter of setting out strawberry crop taken up and discussed.

Resolution offered and passed by Chamber of Commerce extending to the widow of C. F. McMullin the sympathy of the organization. Copy ordered sent the widow and one each to the two papers.

The resolution follows:

Whereas, death has removed one of our most active members in the person of Chas. F. McMullin, who has been a member of the Sikeston Chamber of Commerce since its organization, and one who always lent his support to everything that came up for the good of the town and community for the upbuilding and uplifting of both its material and social welfare; Mr. McMullin was one of the prime movers in getting hard roads in Southeast Missouri; was also mainly instrumental in getting pure drinking water for this town; also in getting a sewerage system for the city; and,

Whereas, his influence will be greatly missed and his counsel lost to us, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Sikeston Chamber of Commerce, that we extend to the widow our sincere sympathy in her loss of husband and companion; be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be given to the widow and a copy of same be given to each of our papers and one copy spread on the minutes of the Chamber.

Motion made and carried that President appoint a committee to nominate the officers for the coming year, which officers are to be elected on the next meeting to be held on February 8, 1926. Ed Fuchs, H. C. Blanton, C. C. White, C. F. Bruton and H. A. Hill were appointed.

Mr. Hebbeler suggested that if they could have lunch at the next meeting, he would furnish the ice cream. Mr. Schorle promised the cake, H. & S. the dishes and spoons and C. C. White some cigars. Mr. Young promised to furnish all cigars

A GREATER TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR MISSOURI

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### TELEPHONE SNAPSHOTS



SPIRIT OF SERVICE

A few years ago a severe snow storm visited a large city. The next morning a local business man, on the way to his office, overtook a girl struggling through the drifts. He helped her for a few blocks and then said, "This is too much for me. I am going to turn back. I can do my business by telephone, anyhow. You'd better go home, too."

"No," said the girl, "I'll keep on. I'm a telephone operator."

### "RIGHT"

A good practice is to acknowledge when the operator correctly repeats a number you have given her. She is instructed to hesitate a moment to make sure she has understood. If you will say "Right" it will save time. Of course, if she does not repeat the number as you gave it, correct her.

State Capitol destroyed by fire February 5, 1911, replaced by \$3,500,000 building.

The most extensive organization for research to be found in any industry is maintained by the Bell System. Millions are spent annually for promotion of scientific progress and its effective application in the art of communication, an investment which is returned to telephone subscribers many-fold in economies and improved service.

## NATIONWIDE SERVICE -- 16,000,000 TELEPHONES

if sixty-five would be present. Mr. Hebbeler asked to take charge of the affair.

Motion made to adjourn.

Arrangements have been perfected for this luncheon and it is hoped every member will be present.

The above minutes of the last meeting were not furnished The Standard for some reason when they were given to The Herald, but request given Monday of this week to print same.

### 564 CASES OF BEER SEIZED AT CAIRO, ILL.

Cairo, Ill., January 29.—Federal prohibition enforcement officers today seized 564 cases of bottled beer, estimated to be worth \$6000, in a warehouse here.

W. D. Moss, assistant chief of the St. Louis district of prohibition enforcement, announced he will ask for federal warrants for arrest of John P. Glynn, 60, proprietor of the storage warehouse, and Theron Pritchett, 41, manager.

The beer, enforcement officers said, is the product of a Southern Illinois brewery and the warehouse was a distributing point. The cases were in paper cartons and had been stored without attempt to conceal them, many being piled near the front door in a furniture salesroom.

Mrs. Joe Mathis, who was taken to the hospital at Cairo last week for an operation, is improving nicely.

The Ashley flats, over the Rexall Drug Store, have been completely refinished and leased to Mrs. E. M. Crooks, who will take possession on February 1.

F. T. Cutlip and wife, of Vanduser, who have been staying at the Del Rey Hotel for several days while Mr. Cutlip took medical treatment from one of Sikeston's local physicians, have returned to Vanduser. Mr. Cutlip is very much improved in health.

Tevco McCullin of Poplar Bluff is in the hospital as a result of the car of Jack Baldwin's colliding with a telephone post Sunday night in Poplar Bluff. Jack Baldwin, Sam Prater and McCullin were on their way home when trouble developed in the steering wheel of the Dodge coupe, causing the accident. McCullin who was seriously injured, was hurried to the hospital. The other occupants escaped with a few scratches. One side of the car was completely demolished.

## ROUTE 16 MAY BE CHANGED WEST OF HERE

Route 16 may be changed west of here so that there will be no grade crossing between here and Bertrand.

The change, it is stated, will leave the present route at the railroad crossing on the west border of Charleston and skirt the Cairo Branch of the Missouri Pacific to a point east of Bertrand, where the turn is made at the Thos. Lett place.

The abandoned part of 16, which is now a part of, will continue to be part of route 55, from Benton to Charleston, thence thence through to Aniston and Wolf Island.

It is expected that state engineers will at once make this survey and it will be constructed at the expense of the state. This will not impair the refund money due this county, but will likely not leave any available for the present. Roads already contracted for in the county will not be delayed in the construction thereof but it is probable there will be delay in other refund roads for a year. The route will be shortened 9.

Revival services of the Methodist Church will start at the Methodist church Sunday, February 7.

Tuesday morning the candles will be blessed at the 7:30 mass at the Catholic church.

### CHURCH NOTICES

The Young Ladies Circle of the Christian Church will meet with Mrs. Bloomfield, 521 Williams Street, on Tuesday evening at 7:30.

The Ladies' Aid of the Christian Church will meet with Mrs. J. C. Davis, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Lois Bailey's Sunday school class of the Christian Church will meet with Mrs. E. B. Hensley Friday evening at seven o'clock for a social hour.

The Girls Circle of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. G. A. Dempster Tuesday night. This circle is making a very pretty embroidered quilt which they expect to finish and have for sale at the end of this month.

The Presbyterian church Board have issued a call to Rev. J. J. Johnson of St. Louis. Rev. Johnson is a man of exceptional ability and it is greatly hoped he will accept this call.

The Co-Workers of the Methodist Church will meet with Mrs. W. E. Derris Tuesday afternoon, February 9.

Wednesday evening the services of the Methodist Church will be held at the Methodist church.

Washington, January 29.—The first negro woman lawyer ever admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States today became a member of that bar.

She was Violette N. Anderson of Chicago. She was admitted upon a certificate which showed that she had practiced for more than three years before the highest court of Illinois.

Every player piano, every straight piano, all phonographs, Radiolas, records, sheet music, fixtures, lamps, cash register, in fact every item in our Sikeston store is being offered at radically reduced prices. The stock is disappearing rapidly, hence, if there is a piece in the store that YOU want, we advise that you get busy at once. Prices are being cut with an axe, not a pen knife. Business-like terms are offered on the purchase of all instruments. Don't miss a good thing.—The LAIR COMPANY. 2t.

## WAGE INCREASE TO BE SOUGHT BY TRAINMEN

Cleveland, Ohio, January 29.—Wage increases of practically \$1 a day for all members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Order of Railway Conductors will be presented to all American railroads on February 1 by the general chairmen of the two brotherhoods and an answer requested by March 27, President W. G. Lee, of the trainmen, announced.

President Lee said he estimated the increase, to about the peak wage scale of 1920, if granted, would total "less than \$250,000,000". The amount he said, is entirely a guess.

In the case of a few roads where contracts do not expire until the latter part of 1926, or early next year, no request for increased wages would be made until 30 days before the expiration of present contracts.

Circulars have been mailed to all general chairmen of the two brotherhoods showing the changes in rates of pay to be asked for by the two organizations.

The increase calls for \$7.75 a day for conductors in passenger service; assistant conductors and ticket collectors, \$6.84; baggagemen, \$6.16 to \$7.18, according to service, and flagmen and brakemen, \$6.

### COOLIDGE AND SMITH IN 1928, DEPEW SAYS

New York, January 27.—Republicans and Democrats marching arm in arm to the polls in 1928 and voting a non-partisan ticket, with Calvin Coolidge for President and Gov. Al Smith for Vice President, was pictured as a possibility by Chauncey M. Depew, in an address today before the Pilgrims Society. He described the present as the "most wonderful age of non-partisanship in politics in his seventy years of experience".

"I was born in a day of party politics", Depew said, "and as a lad I learned to shout for my party, march for my party, fight for my party, and starve for my party, if necessary. What do we find today?

"A tax bill, always the subject for acute controversy and party feeling, being passed unanimously by the House of Representatives and slated to pass the Senate with comparatively little agitation. I think Cal Coolidge must have studied old Ben Franklin for he has decided not to go up in an airplane and view the affairs of the nation from some God-like position on high, but to come down to earth nad meet the response of the people for economy and thrift.

"And if the present general prosperity continues, if the people continue to devote themselves to business, if employment continues plentiful, there will be another miracle in 1928".

E. J. Keith and son Billy left for Marion, Ill., Monday to look after business affairs.

Members of the Woman's Club will please attend the meeting at the City Hall, Tuesday, February 2.

L. D. Randolph, manager of the telephone company of the Sikeston District, returned from St. Louis Saturday, where he had attended a Division Telephone Conference of the Western Missouri and Arkansas-Missouri Divisions.

Those wishing to purchase the Confederate half dollars coined by the government to be sold to help complete the Stone Mountain Memorial at Atlanta, Ga., can get them of Mrs. J. S. Dickson, Secretary of the D. A. R. at Myers boarding house.

Ned Matthews is home from a trip to Louisiana and Texas. In Texas recently, an 8-inch snow fell in the part of the State where the Matthews Estate owns some property and this was the first moisture that had fallen there since last May. He is perfectly satisfied with Southeast Missouri as to soil, climate and people.

Good luck to this couple.

## DR. KENDALL PASSES FOUR SCORE YEARS

Dr. O. E. Kendall is receiving congratulations from friends and well wishes on his passing the four score years which is beyond the mark usually allotted man. This occasion was fittingly celebrated at his home surrounded by children and grandchildren. It will be but a few months until this wonderful old gentleman will have served 59 years practicing medicine in this vicinity and during that time he has been present at the birth and death of personal friends almost without number. No family in which he has ever been called but who will praise his faithfulness, the sympathy

LOCAL AND PERSONAL  
FROM MATTHEWS

B. Warren. He is a very energetic young man. Their many friends extend hearty congratulations for a long and happy married life.

Matthews' basketball teams played another very interesting game of ball Friday evening with the Charleston teams. The first game was between the girls. A very good game was played, both teams working hard but the Charleston girls were visitors with a 13-15 score. The boys played excellent ball, but Charleston again won the victory. The score being 12-11.

Little Betty Jeane Hill was on the sick list last week.

Dick Burch of Oran was in Matthews last week on business.

Misses Deane and Myrtle Whitten were Sikeston visitors last week.

Mrs. J. P. Rice of St. Louis arrived last week on a visit to relatives.

Miss Mildred Harper and Ted Atchley attended the show in Sikeston Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Englehardt and little daughter were Sikeston visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Davis of Canalou were Matthews visitors Sunday.

L. O. Harper had business in Sikeston Saturday.

Albert Deane and little daughter, G. F. Deane and daughter Miss Alice, motored to St. Louis Saturday to see Mrs. Albert Deane, who is in the hospital waiting to have a goitre removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Hill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill.

Misses Mary and Marie Deane spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Malcolm Ratcliff is still very ill. Very little improvement could be noticed the last reports.

Mrs. Lee Skeggs of East Prairie and Mrs. Dawson O'Brian and little son were Matthews visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Buckles and baby of Sikeston spent Saturday and Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

Miss Lillie Daugherty and Tallie Warren were married in Sikeston on Wednesday evening, January 27, by Rev. S. P. Brite. Mrs. Warren is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Daugherty and is one of Matthews' popular young ladies. She has been employed some time as a saleslady for J. W. Emory. Mr. Warren is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchen of Blytheville, Ark., are registered at the Del Rey Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lampert had as dinner guests Sunday, Ed Hurchelburg of St. Louis, Herman Banks of Oran, Mr. and Mrs. L. Friedman and family of East Prairie.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL  
FROM NEW MADRID

Ralph Mathewson, an employee of the State Highway, with headquarters at Kansas City, arrived Monday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mathewson and sister, Miss Eloise.

Mrs. R. L. Simmons and sister, Miss Linda Stewart, spent Wednesday in Portageville, guests of their sister, Mrs. T. A. Lee and family.

Judge W. L. Stacy of Sikeston was a business visitor in New Madrid.

G. V. Montague spent several days this week in Cape Girardeau on business.

S. S. Thompson, L. Robbs, Columbe Little, Attorney O. A. Cook were among the Portageville visitors at Circuit Court in New Madrid, Wednesday.

S. S. Motley of Gideon attended court in New Madrid this week.

Atty. Ray B. Lucas of Benton was looking after professional matters in Circuit Court Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mann, Mrs. H. C. Riley, Jr., and Miss Annie Howard spent the latter part of the week in St. Louis.

Atty. Claude S. Hale of St. Louis was witness in the Everhart case Wednesday.

H. L. Boaz, Claude Blackman, J. J. Green and Leo King were among the many witnesses from Parma in the Everhart murder trial.

R. T. Sexton, city marshal of Canalou was a business visitor in New Madrid Wednesday.

D. C. Kimes of Marston spent Wednesday in New Madrid, on business.

Miss Mary Gibson of Marston spent Tuesday in New Madrid.

G. E. Spitzer of Balden spent Tuesday in New Madrid on business.

Mrs. H. L. Smith will entertain the Mentalink Club next Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Lampert has returned from a three weeks' visit in Chicago and St. Louis.

Raymond Pierce and Paul Gentles will be in charge of the paper route in Sikeston, formerly operated by Green Lescher. They have rented the Hole-in-the-Wall in the Del Rey Hotel Building, for their headquarters.

J. S. Dickson left for Memphis, Tenn., Monday to take charge of the erection department over a territory of four states, for the Murry Cotton Company. Mr. Dickson expects to spend each week-end in Sikeston with his family.

MISSOURI SETS RECORD  
FOR ROAD BUILDING

Jefferson City, January 27.—A record for highway construction in Missouri was set during 1925, when 832 miles of road was hard surfaced and 388 miles were graded. This was revealed today by the annual report of the Missouri Highway Commission, issued at the highway department here. The total value of state highway work completed during the last year was \$26,27,612, it was reported.

In 1924 there was 628 miles hard surfaced and 63 miles graded, at a total cost of \$20,293,741, while in 1923 there was 439 miles hard surfaced and 595 miles graded, at a total cost of \$13,374,411.

The hard surfacing work done during 1925 fell short 168 miles of the 1000-mile goal set, due to much unfavorable weather, but it was "fully demonstrated", according to the report, "that the Highway Department can carry on a 1000-mile program for 1926". Indications are that revenue will be sufficient to meet the needs of such a program, it was added. Sale of \$15,000,000 of the remaining \$60,000,000 state road bonds the 2-cent gasoline tax, state automobile registration fees and federal aid will furnish the 1926 revenues.

Although the 1000-mile hard surfacing goal for 1925 was not reached, working conditions throughout Missouri in 1925 were good, except in October and November, when much rainy weather was experienced, the report said.

"There were virtually no delays due to shortage of material, and the work in general was prosecuted expeditiously and good results were obtained. During 1925 more contracts were completed within the specified time than for any previous year, 395 contracts being actually closed out in that time".

SIKESTON—  
Forwards

Mount ..... 15

F. Baker ..... 12

Freeman ..... 4

Centers

Mathis ..... 0

M. Baker ..... 0

Guards

Gilbert ..... 0

Trousdale ..... 0

Arbaugh ..... 0

Nicholas ..... 0

BRIDGES—  
Forwards

E. Duckett ..... 9

Morris ..... 0

Centers

Lola Jackson ..... 0

Fox ..... 0

Guards

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A. Duckett ..... 0

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Center

Shelby ..... 0

Thomason ..... 0

Guards

Presson ..... 0

Heath ..... 1

Weekly of Sikeston, referee.

Sikeston will play at Morehouse on next Friday.

Personal assessment of Eva Bumpas is ordered reduced to \$800.

Harry Birdnow of Chaffee is ordered sent to State Sanitarium at Mt. Vernon.

P. E. Eldridge, gas and oil, \$3.40. J. C. Diebold, work on bridges, \$57. Sikeston Standard, blanket for justices of peace at Sikeston, \$178.

Ilmo Jimplique, notice to contractors, \$17.50.

Contract of Harris Bissell for building bridge over Sals Creek is filed and approved.

O. F. Miller resigns as constable of Commerce township, and Arthur Gaither is appointed to fill out unexpired term.

Swank-Tanner Engineering Co. services drainage district 15, \$72.90; district 10, \$27.80.

G. E. Stoner, reconstruction work in drainage district 10, \$193.60.

Contract of Ford and Taylor for work in drainage district 15 is approved and filed.—Benton Democrat.

SEN. COCKRELL'S DAUGHTER  
WEDS ITALIAN NOBLEMAN

Origin of St. Valentine's Day

There were at least three St. Valentines, all of them martyrs under the date of February 14. One a priest at Rome, another a Bishop of Interamna. Of the third, who suffered in Africa with a number of companions, nothing further is known.

The popular customs connected with Saint Valentine's Day undoubtedly had their origin in a conventional belief generally received in England and France during the Middle Ages, that on February 14, i. e. half way through the second month of the year, the birds began to pair. Thus in Chaucer's "Parliament of Foules", we read:

"For this was on Seynt Valentyne's Day

When every foul cometh their to choose her mate".

For this reason the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending love tokens.

Warren Kingsbury, Herbert Moore, Merle Granaman and Harold Hebbel have made reservations at the American Theatre in St. Louis for Saturday to see the Ziegfeld Follies. In a 50-mile gale a six-foot man has a ton of air hurled at him every minute.

SIKESTON DEFEATS  
BRIDGES TEAMS

The results of the basketball games last Friday are different. Sikeston won both games.

The two Bulldogs teams played royally and were rewarded with victory.

The girls' basketball team displayed a remarkable improvement over the past engagements, teamwork prevailed, and thus brought victory in the order of 31 points for Sikeston, while Bridges were only able to score 9 points.

The girls' score:  
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## OH, DOCTOR, COME QUICK!

I had to crawl out of bed and drive two miles into the country when old Mrs. Ward telephoned in frantic alarm. She had swallowed her false teeth. I have been crawling out of bed for nearly thirty years to relieve the pains and ills of suffering folks. That is my business as a country doctor. I have answered every call I possibly could, except for one or two that I may tell you about shortly.

Mrs. Ward was suffering when I reached her home. "They hurt" my stomach so. Do you think I will die?"

she moaned. "I always put my teeth in that glass on the dresser, but tonight I went to sleep with them in my mouth. I woke up with a start—my teeth were gone. How they hurt my stomach!"

I can't help sympathizing with my patients and I did feel sorry for Mrs. Ward—she seemed so uncomfortable. But I couldn't locate the teeth. I opened my satchel where it sat on the dresser and looked around.

"Have you two sets of false teeth, Mrs. Ward?" I inquired.

"No, doctor; just these I swallowed. Oh!"

"Well", I said, "that's funny. I see another set in this cup on the other side of the dresser".

Mrs. Ward's pain stopped instantly. I seldom have had a more successful treatment. But as I drove back to town I reflected that after all it seemed better to go out on a useless call now and then than ever to ignore one when I was really needed. And it set me to thinking of scores of other incidents in my thirty years as a country practitioner. Some of them are funny, while others still make me swallow hard when they come to mind.

A man has no business starting out to be a country doctor if he is anxious for his own comfort, for nobody can be expected to have much regard for that. It was five below zero a few weeks ago when a woman called me out into the country at midnight to see her baby. I found the child sleeping peacefully. It had been fretting during the day and again after bedtime. As people often do, she waited until the middle of the night before calling me.

These two incidents are typical of the many needless calls I have made. I wish I could impress upon everyone two ideas:

1. Don't wait until the middle of the night to call the doctor if you think you are going to need him. Make up your mind during the day. It is cheaper for you and a lot better for the doctor.

2. Keep a medicine chest of the simple remedies. Label each properly and familiarize yourself with its uses. That will save you many a doctor bill and save the doctor many a needless call.

You should have in your chest turpentine, camphor, iodine, medicated cotton, surgical gauze and tape, quinine, a good laxative and other standard items. Your own physician will gladly give you a full list of these and help you learn what each is good for.

I hope although, that you will at least offer to pay him for the advice. Too many country doctors get so interested in "dedicating" themselves to the service of humanity that they fail to look after themselves properly.

One lovable old physician died in our town last year after more than fifty years of such service. He never worried much about being paid for his services, and his patients didn't worry much about paying him. He left only a few hundred dollars, and his widow would be destitute but for her son-in-law's help.

I estimate that I have received no pay for about fifteen per cent of my work in these thirty years. I remember distinctly a call back in the horse-and-buggy days. It was early in February and I rather welcomed the nine-mile night drive behind a steaming mare because it was a pleasant night and there was to be a total eclipse of the moon that I wanted to see.

The roads were muddy. We had just had heavy rains after a big thaw. I had to ford a creek and I was surprised at its width had unaccustomed swiftness. Old Blackie waded in without hesitation. Soon the water was in the buggy bed. I put my feet on the dashboard. Quicker than I can tell it, a wheel struck a rock, the buggy upset and I found myself swimming for the bank.

I coaxed old Blackie into shallow water and unhitched her. I tied her to a bush, managed to right the buggy and pull it out. Believe me, she had to step when we go going again, and I was glad to change clothes at the little shanty that was our destination.

This was one of the many cases of helping another little life into the world. I was impressed by the meager furnishings of the cabin. The husband slept heavily on a pallet on the floor all night, only waking with a grunt every hour or so when I stirred him up to get some wood for the fire. He was accustomed to letting his wife split the wood.

Before I left I asked the mother what else I could do for her. "Would you mind fillin' and lightin' my pipe for me, Doc?" she said.

I left her propped upon an elbow contentedly puffing at a battered clay pipe.

I was present at the arrival of three babies in that home. I received one payment—half a load of hay.

The family doctor seems to be regarded as a general counselor at everything. I have been called to the telephone to tell how to treat seed potatoes to prevent scab, how to kill

cucumber lice and how to cure chickens with the roup. Only the other night I sat up until dawn with a young farmer who came to my house and awoke me at two in the morning. "Doc, I haven't slept a wink all night", he said. "Old Banker James says he is going to foreclose my mortgage". All I could do for him besides listen was advise him to get an attorney.

I answer nearly every call. There was one I didn't answer and my conscience will always hurt because I didn't.

A fine young woman who taught her home district school came to my office one evening after making sure no one else was there. She was in serious trouble and wanted my help. I did the only thing I could do—I gave her the only advice three was to give in such a case. But she couldn't make up her mind to marry a man she was not sure she loved.

Her father called me about three o'clock one morning a few days later. "Myra is awfully sick. Can you come right away?" he said.

I had driven in about midnight and left the car in my garage with a flat tire. I said I could be there in an hour, for it would take quite a bit to change the tires. He said she was too sick to wait that long and they would get another doctor. So I went back to bed.

The girl died before morning. I was the only person in the world who knew her trouble. Neither her parents nor the other doctor discovered that she was dying from an undertaking they had no cause to suspect a reason for. I could have saved her life because I knew what she would receive if I told the others. I should have answered that call anyway.

Of all such things is the country doctor's life: a continuing succession of tragedies, of heartbreaks, of humdrum and of thrills. Nothing is too much to promise the doctor if he will restore health to a loved one; any old time is soon enough to pay him after health is won back and pain forgot.

I had \$30 in cash and owed \$200 for my college expenses when I started practice. I own a nice home now and have a little money ahead, though not a great deal. After all, though, much as I have harped here about unpaid services, I will proudly own that the biggest reward of all my years as a doctor to country folks is the privilege of helping little children.

My wife and I were childless for several years and then a boy baby came to gladden our lives. He drew us closer together than we had ever been. He was a wonderful, quaint, gladsome little fellow who made everyone happy who knew him. He was taken away by an accident. I can never shake off the gripping horror of those hours when we saw his life slowly ebbing away, helpless to relieve his pain or prevent his going.

His mother and I could only sit by his bed during his last hours, wracked by the greatest agony that can torture human hearts, and then, after his release, suffer grief that even after many years still seems unbearable.

Since then, as never before, I willingly sit all night by the beside of an ailing child. To be able to make that child well and comfortable again, to relieve the fear that clutches the apprehensive hearts of the mother and father, seem to compensate for a thousand unpaid accounts on my ledger and for a thousand nights of broken sleep.—Country Doctor in the Farm and Fireside.

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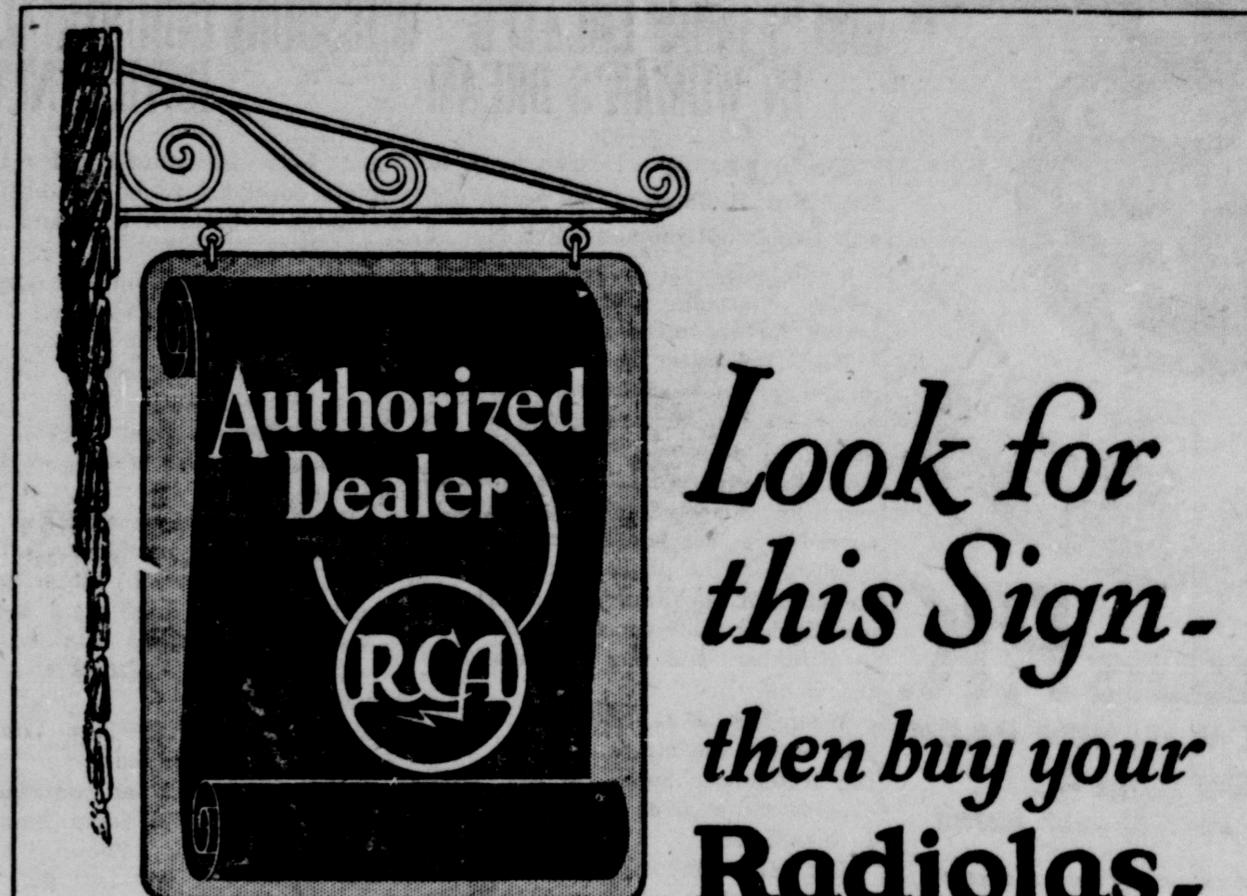
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New York, January 29.—John McCormack, the singer, has insured himself for \$1,000,000 under the endowment plan, it was announced today.

The insurance is in the form of a series of ten-year policies, the last of which has just been issued. In a few years he will begin receiving payments of annual installments and by 1936 will have received the total \$1,000,000.

With the proceeds of his concerts and the immense royalties on phonograph records his income between the ages of 45 and 51 is expected to rank with that of the wealthiest financiers and captains of industry, the announcement said. The policy was described as probably the largest ever recorded in endowment insurance.

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#### GIRL'S BODY LOCATED IN WOMAN'S DREAM

Bernie, January 29.—The body of Miss Ora Huffstetter, 35 years old, was found in Drainage Ditch No. 2 one mile southeast of her home Wednesday morning after a two-day search for the missing girl.

Miss Huffstetter had been a semi-invalid for the past several years, and her mind had become somewhat enfeebled by disease, but as nothing unusual had occurred lately her parents were not alarmed when she disappeared from her home Monday afternoon during the absence of the other members of the family. The girl frequently had made short calls on nearby neighbors and was well known in the vicinity.

When Mrs. J. J. Johnson, who lived just across the street, dropped in at the Huffstetter home in the early evening the absence of Ora was barely mentioned.

But Mrs. Johnson returned to her home and after retiring had a dream in which she saw her young friend struggling under the waters of a turbulent stream. On inquiry next morning, she learned that the parents of the girl had become much concerned over her continued absence, and it was then that Mrs. Johnson confined her dream to a neighbor, but still did not take it seriously.

All day Tuesday the relatives of the girl, assisted by friends and the city officials, kept up their search, and investigations were made by wire to all the towns in the Southeastern part of the State and adjacent Arkansas.

Tuesday night, Mrs. Johnson went to sleep in a troubled state of mind and again visioned Ora Huffstetter struggling in the waters of a ditch. The route to the spot was made clear to the dreamer, although she had never been there in person. She awoke in a tremor of excitement, told her husband of the dream, got up and changed beds, hoping to find rest by a change of rooms. But no sooner was she asleep than the dream came again with such vivid force that she could not awake and free herself as before.

The next morning she informed her husband, who had joined the searching party, that unless he directed someone there she would go herself to the place she had seen in her dream and see if the girl was not there.

Early Wednesday morning the party proceeded to the spot—as visioned in the dream—and there found the missing girl under the waters of the ditch.

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#### MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

St. Louis—Missouri-Pacific Railroad to construct 23 miles additional double-track, between here and Jefferson City.

Pierce City—Plans on foot for improving water supply system.

Greenville—Pleasant Valley, Bunker and Greenville school districts plan to consolidate.

Union—Citizens Bank takes over assets and liabilities of People's Bank of Union.

Moberly—Large ice concern here installing electric machinery.

St. Louis—General Electric Co. planning to erect huge plant here.

Tuscumbia—Pledges obtained for growing 285 acres strawberries in Miller County.

Mount Washington—New Lambert Hall formally dedicated.

Cairo—Webb & Dunn contract for construction of new ferry boat for Cairo, Kentucky and Missouri trade.

De Soto—Contract let for constructing new high school building.

Westover—New fish hatchery installed on Bischoff farm.

Houston—City to vote on installation of waterworks system.

Slater—Slater power plant installs third Fairbanks-Morse oil engine.

Roniphan—New bridge will be built across Current River.

Flat River—Cornerstone laid for new Jewish temple.

Bethany—1925 postal receipts showed increase of five and a half per cent over 1924.

Trenton—Two and a half miles paved road opened to travel on highway No. 3, south of here.

Leetown—Post office occupying new quarters in Swearingen building.

Carthage—Missouri-Pacific railroad planning to double-track between and Cotter.

Springfield—New co-operative creamery will be built in this territory.

Jamesport—Paved road between here and Gallatin to be completed soon.

Kirksville—This city soon to be on paved highway, extending south to Columbia.

Hillsboro—Union Electric Company making many improvements in Jefferson County.

Rolla—Central Missouri Hatchery will soon open for business.

Booneville—3 electric pumps placed in operation by Missouri Power & Light Company.

Monett—Ozark Fruit Growers' Association will build permanent office building here.

Carthage—1925 post office receipts broke all previous records.

Monett—Freight handled by Frisco system during 1925 showed increase of 7.61 per cent.

Butler—Movement on foot for securing new creamery for this place.

Amsterdam—New bank organized here.

Jasper—Jasper light plant sold to L. K. Green, who will institute 24-hour electric light service.

Slater—Stock shipments heavy.

St. James—Carload stock shipped from here recently.

Cantherville—Contract let for constructing 5 miles paved road west of this place.

Princeton—Rock Island railroad preparing to open ballast pit here.

Excelsior Springs—Two local banks report large increase in deposits.

St. Louis—Airline Highway opened to traffic.

Monet—New stop signals placed at street intersections on Broadway.

Trenton—Second floor of Trenton Buick building remodeled into offices.

Mexico—Contract to be let at once, for constructing 33-mile stretch of Highway No. 2 across North Callaway and Boone Counties.

Edina—Bank of Edina and T. J. Lycan Banking House, consolidate.

Mexico—Criswell Drug Co. completes new storeroom just south of present quarters.

Rolla—Work on new shoe factory progressing.

#### CANTON WOMAN REGAINS \$50 LONG FORGOTTEN

Canton, January 29.—Mrs. N. M. Baskett, wife of a physician of this city, has just discovered through a friend, that she is richer by \$50 than she thought she was, the sum representing a deposit in a Moberly bank years ago, which she had long since forgotten.

Mrs. Baskett has just been advised of this fact by Mrs. Penn Brace of Paris, Mo., who noticed her friend's name in the list of unclaimed accounts in Missouri banks, as published recently in the *Globe-Democrat*. She advised Mrs. Baskett, and the latter responded with an invitation to "come over to Canton and help spend it".

Our idea of a dumb-bell is the sap who tried to start the cuckoo clock by putting in bird seed.—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

#### FEDERAL BOARD FOR SURPLUS ADVOCATED

Des Moines, Ia., January 19.—How to put the agricultural interests of the country in as strategic position as organized labor and as industry in general is the aim of the conference held here this week. The nucleus of a central organization of farmers and others whose interests are dovetailed with agriculture emerged out of the conference of 11 states here and consists of a committee of 22, two from each state represented.

They are empowered to lay out a plan for a permanent organization and meanwhile to work for immediate relief from conditions which make farming unprofitable.

Taking a leaf from the notebook of labor and industry, as it was pointed out by Congressman Strong of Kansas, the conference decided that it would go before Congress and the nation with a clear outline of just what the farmer wants and, incidentally, what he proposes to do to get it.

What he wants, or at least what the conference decided he wants, is to put agriculture on a paying basis instead of a haphazard one. The way to do that, the conference decided, is by the formation of a Federal Farm Board, and, under its jurisdiction, a corporation to dispose of surplus farm products.

These principles, vigorously indorsed in resolutions at the conferences, are embodied in the bill offered in Congress by Representative L. J. Dickinson. The committee of 22—it will become 24 if South Dakota accepts an invitation to name two members—is pledged to work at Washington for passage of the Dickinson bill, possibly amended somewhat to assure united support of those whose interests it affects.

That the farm board and exports corporation proposal does not meet with the approval of the administration and is contrary to the President's announced objection to the Federal Government taking the lead rather than an auxiliary stand, in working out the farmers' problem did not daunt the conference.

"If we don't get what we want at this session of Congress, there will be other sessions", declared one of the leaders. "If our present representatives don't want to give us what we want we have the power, if we act together, to replace them with representatives who will. If the administration wishes to oppose we have the strength to make some of its projects find the sledding hard".

A new national policy for agriculture and a union of the farmers that will be able to see this policy worked out through Congress and otherwise is foreseen as a result of the Corn Belt Conference here by George N. Peek of Moline, Ill., president of the American Council of Agriculture.

There will be but two groups in the national life, Peek declared, that would be recognized by the farmers—those who favor placing agriculture and other industries in a protected price for industry and labor and a world price for the basic products of the farm", he said. "I mean not only the tariff, but such measures as the Adamson law, the Esch-Cummins law, the Federal Reserve Act, the Railroad Labor Board, the Coal Board, restriction of immigration.

"Agriculture, unorganized effectively, remains subject to world influences. It is economic law that the price of the surplus is the price of the crop. With full knowledge of the last two administrations in Washington, the farmer has been and is now buying in an American market selling in the world market, in competition with the European peasant and the Argentine Indian".

The Illinois Agricultural Association reports twice as many farm radios sets in that state as there were a year ago.

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#### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given, that Letters of Administration on the estate of John Houck, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of January, 1926, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within the year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

FRANK HOUCK,  
Administrator.

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THOS. B. DUDLEY, Probate Judge.

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All of lot five (5) in block four (4) of McCoy and Tanner's First Addition to the City of Sikeston. Also all the personal property consisting of all the furniture and fixtures located in the Fawn Hotel, located on said above described real estate, at the time of the execution of the contract, dated January 29th, 1925, except the personal household goods and clothing of Mrs. Laura Allison, located in the Northwest room of the second story of said building and the goods in the little room on the back of the building, as well as the material in the wood shed, and rug and dresser in the Northeast room of the second story of said building, all of which excepted property belongs to the said Laura Allison and is not conveyed by this instrument, subject to a prior deed of trust in favor of the Farm and Home Savings and Loan Association of Nevada, Mo., which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said deed described, payable in installments and which said conveyance further provided that in case the said Mrs. N. E. Morris failed to pay all taxes on said property before same became delinquent or failed to keep said buildings on said land insured in the sum of \$5,000.00, for the benefit of the beneficiary in said deed of trust named, or failed to keep all prior liens paid before such prior liens became delinquent;

BOB MINER NOT HELD  
BY JUDGE LANKFORD

Charles F. McMullin and his riding boss, Dick Miner, were described as the aggressors in the fatal New Year Day gun duel with Frank Riley, in testimony given by several persons purporting to be eye-witnesses of the tragedy, at a preliminary hearing Thursday for Miner, accused of the attempted murder of Riley.

To offset this damaging testimony, which, however, they described merely as "a smoke screen to cloud the real issue", attorneys for Miner at the re-opening of the hearing today, started the presentation of testimony tending to show that Riley, and not McMullin and Miner, was the aggressor, in the battle which ended in the fatal wounding of McMullin.

Soon after the close of this hearing today the witnesses and attorneys were to hasten to Bloomfield where, in another justice court, Frank Riley was to appear to defend himself of a charge of slaying gMcMullin.

Riley, showing but little of the effects of the duel; his estranged wife; his 13-year-old son, Jimmy; and Allen Royal, a farm hand, were the principal witnesses for the prosecution in Thursday's hearing, and each described McMullin and Miner as the ones who started the fatal argument.

Their version of the affair was a new one, one that never before had been divulged. It described the wealthy landowner and his assistant as going to the Riley home before daylight on New Year's day heavily armed, really going there to "get" Riley. Most surprising of all, they declared that Miner was a third party to the duel.

The hearing was held in the town hall, crowded to capacity with friends of both Riley and Miner. The hearing, however, was conducted quietly and without incident, being featured on only one occasion by a heated clash between opposing attorneys.

Allen Royal, Riley's farm hand, who made the affidavit against Miner at the request of his employer, testified that he was an eye-witness to the shooting, that he was concealed in a barn near where the tragedy was enacted.

He was there, he said, when McMullin and Miner arrived at the Riley farm near La Valle, shortly before daybreak. He testified that as they climbed from their automobile each carried a revolver in his right hand, and as they walked from the car to a pump near the Riley house, they carried the weapons openly.

After reaching the pump, where Miner pumped water into a trough for the hogs, they placed the weapons in their pockets, he admitted.

"As Riley emerged from the house, I saw McMullin start toward him, cursing", the witness said. "He had walked only a few feet toward Riley, when he whipped out his revolver and started firing. As McMullin started toward Riley, Miner walked off to the right, to Riley's left, and when several feet away, also drew a gun from his pocket and started shooting.

"They had fired several shots, I'm not sure how many, when Riley started firing at McMullin with a shotgun he carried on his right arm. He fired two shots, and after the last, McMullin turned quickly, shoved his revolver in his pocket, and walked away. Riley then turned his gun toward Miner, but the latter begged him not to shoot and also walked away toward McMullin".

Royal said he had gone to the Riley home shortly before 6 a. m. to start the day's work and had found Riley just arising. He went to the barn, he said, remaining there until after the tragedy.

It was revealed during the testimony of Mrs. Etna Riley, wife of Frank Riley, that she and her husband had been estranged for several months and that they had been living in separate houses, Riley about a quarter of a mile from his wife. On this particular night, he had slept at her home, however, at the request of his son, Jimmy, he said.

Mrs. Riley said she was awakened when Royal came to the house and that she got up immediately and went out in the yard to get kindling wood to start a fire. While there she saw McMullin and Miner drive up, alight and said she saw the guns in their hands. She went back into the house, but didn't tell Frank of their arrival, she claims.

As her husband left the house by the front door, she said, she and her son went out a rear door, and saw Frank approach the other two men. Full details of the actual shooting were similar in nearly every respect

of those related by Royal, she claiming that McMullin was the aggressor, and that Miner fired several shots at her husband.

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JAKE GOLDSTEIN'S STORE  
TAPPED SECOND TIME

Thieves entered Jake Goldstein's second hand store Thursday night and took about 25 suits of clothes and 4 overcoats. This is the second time this store has been broken into the past thirty days. The previous occasion about the same amount of clothing was taken and the party or parties made good their escape tho' bloodhounds were brought from Cape Girardeau in the attempt to trail the thieves to their den. This time the front window was broken out and thru the hole the goods were taken. At least two or more people were engaged and the job was pulled off between 6:00 and 6:30 in the morning as at 6:00 o'clock Green Lescher reports putting a paper in the box by the store door and the glass was not broken. At 6:30 Wade Shankle passed and noticed the window being broken called Goldstein. A ball of twine had become tangled in some of the clothing and unwound from the store window around the corner of the house, which direction the stolen goods were carried, evidently to a car parked back of the sheds. Further back in the yard was found two hats that had been dropped from the arm load of goods.

This is pretty tough luck on this firm as fifty suits of clothes and eleven overcoats are a heavy loss. It is doubtful if any trace of the thieves will ever be found.

MERRY DANCE CLUB DANCE  
WELL ATTENDED LAST WEEK

An interesting social event was the dance given by the Merry Dance Club at the Armory hall on Thursday night. Thirty couples were on the floor for the first dance and onlookers were not to be seen for the next two hours, at the end of which time the grand march was formed with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Sands as leaders, and the dancers were lead into the dining room, where sandwiches and coffee were served by the hostesses Mrs. Charles Bowman and Mrs. Clarence Scott. After refreshments, the dancers were again on the floor ready for the music and danced another hour before saying "good-night" and returning to their homes looking forward to the next dance in about two weeks. The music was furnished by the Merry Dance Club Orchestra.

JUDGE MYERS COURT

T. L. Tanner vs. John Andres; Tonelli vs. Tanner. Both cases continued to February 6.

L. P. Woodward vs. Ruhl; change of venue from C. D. Gupton's court, Morley Township, set for trial February 15.

State vs. A. B. Jewell; change of venue to A. B. Dill's court, will be heard February 15.

James Dixon, colored, alias several other names, was arrested Thursday near Sunset Addition by Frank Macklin, colored, ("Big 6") for stealing woolen suitings from Pitman's Tailor Shop. He had given them to a negro, "John", living in F. E. Mount's cabin, who took them to Mrs. Mount to get some tobacco from her. Mrs. Mount recognized the goods and notified Mr. Pitman. Dixon was taken to Judge Myers, who bound him over to circuit court.

Mr. and Mrs. Lilburn Stepp of New Madrid were guests of Miss Hyacinth Sheppard Sunday.

Loomis Mayfield is moving his family into one of the new houses on Kathleen street, built by Dr. A. A. Mayfield.

Jesse Trent, who has been with Youngs Lumber Co., for several years, left Saturday for St. Louis, where he goes to seek employment. Jesse is a splendid gentleman, steady, sober and reliable and will make someone a valuable man. His family will follow when he is permanently located.

The Standard has been requested to ask Homer Decker, Grover Baker and others living along that quiet side of the street, to widen the street, fill in some of the gutters or ditches, in order to make it a safe street for young folks who seek seclusion in the shade of the trees. One night recently wrecking cars were called to this one short retreat street to pull three cars out of the mud, much to the embarrassment of the couples who occupied the cars. These progressive citizens should make an effort to put this street in proper repair in order to do away with further embarrassment. It might be possible to get sufficient volunteers among our young men about town, to do the work without expense.

Joe Stubbs and family, who have been living at the home of Mrs. Maude Stubbs since selling their home last fall, have moved into one of Ned Matthews' new houses on Park Avenue.

Miss Janice Alsup of Willow Springs is spending a few days in Sikeston with Mrs. J. E. Alsup and Charles. Miss Alsup is on her way to Detroit, Mich., where she will enter Ford's Hospital, to take nurses' training.

SIKESTON SEWER JAM  
A HARD NUT TO CRACK

Our City Council have a proposition before them that is causing some loss of sleep and a bit of worry.

When the bond issue was voted, it was believed a bid could be had that would come within the money available, or about \$82,000. A Kansas contracting firm signed a letter that they could complete the system as laid out for about \$77,000. A few changes were made and the same people said they could complete for about \$80,000 if they could be given the contract within a stated time. It was estimated by the engineers, Wilcox & Berthe, that it would take \$98,000, plus engineers fees, to complete the proposition. Anyway, the election was ordered, the issue passed, the bonds sold at a premium, the job advertised and when time to open bids arrived some four or five contracting firms were represented, but as their bids were so much higher than the available money, only one of them submitted a bid which was about \$106,000, or \$20,000 more than the bond issue.

Now the riddle: Sikeston has the money laying up in the bank drawing a small interest, and they are paying a larger interest for the money.

There is nothing crooked about the proposition, but a lot of embarrassment, and how to put in the entire sewerage system with the money available is the pinch. It is hoped that the Kansas firm, who are responsible, will yet be willing to build the system for the money available.

ICKY ARTHUR PLUNGES  
INTO SEA OF MATRIMONY

Col. O. M. Arthur leaves this morning for Chicago, Ill., where he goes to be married to Miss Virginia May Lee. The wedding is expected to take place Wednesday and after a short honeymoon, the young couple will return to Sikeston to receive congratulations from friends.

A few nights ago the groom had a severe spell of the "riggers" which his physician, Dr. J. H. Yount, diagnosed as the ordinary forerunner of what comes to every man who attempts to solve the problem of matrimony.

Good-bye, Icky! good luck to you!

JOHN FELKER DRINKS A  
SMALL AMOUNT KEROSENE

John, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Felker, got hold of some kerosene at the home Friday and drank a small quantity of it. He was discovered lying on the kitchen floor, unconscious, black in the face and apparently dead. Medical aid was hurriedly sought and after a time the lad was revived.

The kerosene had strangled or choked him and but the timely arrival of the doctor he would have died. At this time he seems none the worse for his experience, but keeps away from the coal oil vessel, where he got his drink.

SIKESTON LAD OPERATED  
ON FOR APPENDICITIS

The 15-year-old son of Oscar Pharris, was hurried to the hospital at Cairo, Saturday morning, where he was operated on for appendicitis. He came near passing away while on the operating table, but heroic work brought him around. The lad weighed 140 pounds and it required an unusual amount of anesthetics to quiet him and it was thought that was the trouble. Reports from the hospital Sunday evening were favorable.

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## SIKESTON STANDARD

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The Standard wonders if close questioning of Leonard Wynn, the companion of James Curtis, who was recently drowned in a ditch near La Forge in New Madrid County, would bring to light a different story. Two sets of tracks led to the ditch bank and one set led into the ditch. Were these two boys drunk or sober when the accident happened and how does anyone know moonshiners run him into the ditch? Was Wynn's shoes compared to the other set of tracks on the ditch bank? It looks to us like it might have been an accidental drowning when under the influence of liquor or instead of being pursued by and shot at by moonshiners. These boys, so the report goes, had stolen some of the still apparatus and might they not have stolen some of the liquor?

Loafing, like some other things that could be mentioned, is not what it used to be in the small town. Grocery stores used to keep barrels of crackers, boxes of herring, baskets of apples, kegs of pickles, huge cylinders of cheese and cabbages of other sorts in easy reach of all comers. No protest was made when a hungry man or boy went down the line and mooched a lunch, which most anybody did on frequent occasions. Nowa-

days those palate ticklers are mostly displayed in glass cases and the loafer is expected to pay for what he picks up. This account for the fact that the lunch counter, then an unknown thing in small towns, is now a flourishing institution. It also accounts for the fact that running a grocery store is no longer an open road to the poor house.

Senator Norris, Republican, makes very serious charges against the president of the United States in connection with an unfavorable report the tariff commission was about to make on the necessity for lower sugar tariff. Another senator produced evidence last week that the president had appointed men to important boards only after asking them to sign resignations through which he could get rid of them any time their activities became displeasing. There never has been in the White House, the public is beginning to learn, a man who is more thoroughly out of sympathy with the masses or more completely committed to the idea that an aristocracy of wealth should be fostered in this nation at everybody else's expense.

Considerable feeling has been aroused in Sikeston by friends of the late C. F. McMullin, over the reports of the shooting of Mr. McMullin on January 1, by Frank Riley, as printed in the Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian. The Standard is not saying that the paper is not trying to be fair, but we are saying the reports given them emanating from Bloomfield have been unfair and colored in such a manner as to make the reader believe that Riley, the maker and seller of moonshine whiskey, was the abused party. We are going to say further, that the party interested in putting on these unfair stories, is interested in the defense of Riley and could not give an unbiased account of the affair. The report as printed in their Friday edition used only that part of the testimony of the preliminary trial of Miner at Essex that was favorable to Riley and did not give any of the discrepancies that developed. There was little doubt in the minds of those unbiased, who were present Thursday, but what a good part of the testimony on behalf of Riley was rehearsed and some of it bordering on perjury, if not perjury.

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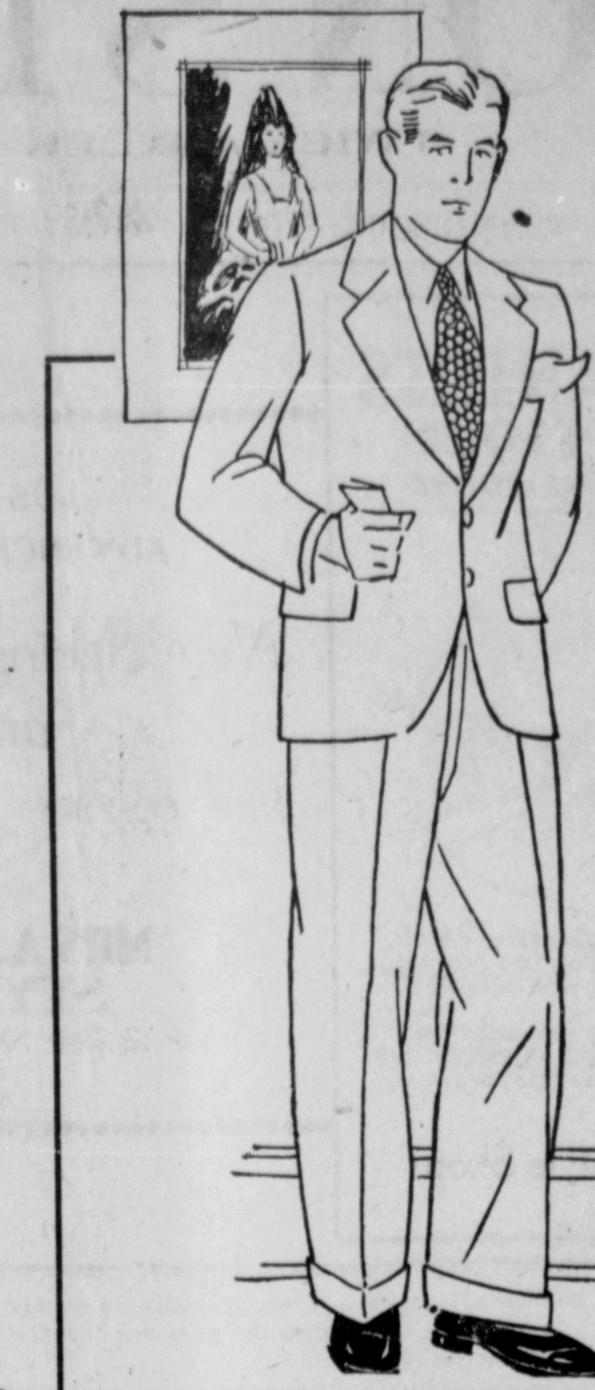
It looks very much like there will be strange bedfellows in the Missouri political bed this campaign. We are to witness the spectacle of Williams, Republican, and Reed, so-called Democrat, stumping the State against the World Court which has already become a law by a rousing majority. How will either one of them help his party in the State by raising Old Ned on a question that has already been settled. It will place either Democrat or Republican in an embarrassing position to have to declare himself on either side to get the support or be skinned by these obstructionists.

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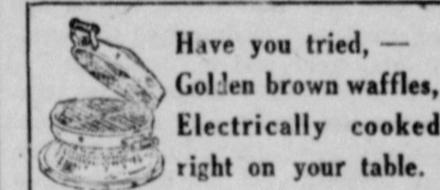
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## PROBATE COURT NEWS

Annual settlement by Mary Taylor, guardian Bessie, Gladys, Ruby and Paul Taylor, shows balance due of \$162.12.

Final settlement by Mrs. E. C. Rexer shows no balance in hands of guardian for Evelyn Rexer.

Ordered that Frank Denton, executor of Sarah Shelby, be allowed 25 per cent for looking after rentals and collecting same.

The will of William G. Schoen is admitted to probate.

Semi-annual settlement by Wm. Schuette for Marie Nash estate shows balance due estate of \$383.54.

J. C. Wylie is authorized to sell lot 27 block 26 Chaffee, same belonging to estate of Mary Hobbs.

C. M. Wylie gets appropriation of \$50 for use of Remus Warren.

Semi-annual settlement by M. V. Harris shows balance of \$675.83 in Jas. Hand estate.

Bond of Wendelin Georger in sum of \$15,000 is approved, signed by himself, Daniel Georger, W. C. Arnold, W. L. Tomlinson, A. J. Blattel, Alex Burger.

Ordered that proceedings relative to sale of interest of Frances Fisher in lots 3, 4 block 16 McCoy-Tanner 2nd addition Sikeston be set aside; Etta Wilson guardian.

Ordered that Etta Wilson, guardian of Frances Fisher, be authorized to sell 11-16 interest lots 3, 4 block 16 McCoy-Tanner 2nd addition, Sikeston, after having same appraised, for not less than 1/4 appraised value, at private sale.

Ordered that proceedings relative to sale of interest of Margaret Fisher in lot 3 block 16, McCoy-Tanner 2nd addition, and lots 1, 2 block 16 McCoy-Tanner 2nd addition Sikeston to be set aside, Carrie Fisher guardian.

Ordered that Carrie Fisher, guardian Louise Fisher, sell 5-16 interest in lots 1, 2 part 3 and all lot 4, block 16 McCoy-Tanner addition Sikeston, after having same appraised, for not less than 1/4 appraised value, at private sale.

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Etta Wilson makes final settlement in estate of Frances Fisher, showing \$513.20 due minors.

Annual settlement by Carrie Fisher for Margaret Fisher shows no balance on hand.

James Golightly, administrator of estate of John Ross, shows \$3676 received from treasurer of United States and same is ordered distributed as follows: one-half to W. C. Bowman, guardian of Herbert Golightly and one-half to James Golightly. H. C. Blanton is to receive \$100 to apply on attorney fee.

Theresa Schoen makes application for statutory allowance and it is ordered she receive \$400 as her absolute property and \$500 for subsistence of herself and two minor children.

Mrs. Maud Daugherty secures allowance of \$25 for benefit of minors under her care.

Robley Lennox is appointed guardian of estate of Thelma Lennox with bond at \$300, signed by himself, Lee Bowman and W. E. Kirkendall.

The English Poetry Review of London awarded to Edwin Markham the international prize for a poem on Edgar Allan Poe.

DIVERSIFIED CROPS URGED  
IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Cape Girardeau, January 29.—A survey made around here reveals that 41,000 less acres of land are seeded to wheat this year than last. What is to be done with the unutilized land is confronting W. F. D. Batjer, secretary of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau, who is advocating more diversified crops and no more production of cotton. He declares that with favorable weather conditions this year the cotton crop may be greatly increased and increased acreage under those conditions would spell ruin for the cotton farmer.

Batjer asserts that Southeast Missouri needs more cash crops such as sweet and Irish potatoes, strawberries, grapes, peaches and other fruit and truck crops. A campaign is now on to bring this about and farmers of this section have given approval because other sections of this part of Missouri have become prosperous by following out that plan.

James Golightly is ordered to pay H. J. Welsh \$285.50, F. E. Mount \$125, Dr. L. O. Rodes \$17 in estate of John Ross.

Fred Ogilvie is appointed administrator of estate of Willie A. Graham, with bond at \$2000, signed by himself, G. W. Buchanan and A. L. Marshall.

Fred Ogilvie is appointed administrator of estate of Almeta Smith et al, minors with bond at \$500, signed by himself, G. W. Buchanan and A. L. Marshall.

B. A. Ware is appointed administrator of estate of Joe Ware, with bond at \$500, signed by himself, R. C. Willett and W. E. Kinder.

Josephine Robison files her renunciation as widow of Z. T. Robison, she electing to take a child's part of estate.—Benton Democrat.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

Beer was five cents a glass and the lunch was free.

Eggs were three dozen for a quarter, milk was five cents a quart.

The butcher gave liver for the cat and treated the kids to bologna.

The hired girl was satisfied with \$2 a week and did the washing.

Women did not powder, or paint, smoke, play poker or shake the shimmies.

The men wore boots and whiskers, chewed tobacco, spat on the sidewalk, worked eleven hours a day and never went on a strike.

A kerosene lamp and stereopticon in the parlor were luxuries.

No one was operated on for appendicitis or bought glands.

## TODAY

Everybody rides in automobiles, plays poker, shoots craps, plays the piano with their feet, goes to the movies, smokes cigarettes, drinks synthetic gin and blames the H. C. L. on the Republicans.

They never go to bed the same day they get up, and think they are having a wonderful time.

This is the age of suffragettes, pro-teetors, excess taxes and prohibition.—Selected.

## Woeful Ignorance

Mrs. Miller had her bridge club to luncheon and the afternoon session at cards. As the last guest departed, Theodora, the little blond daughter, remarked:

"Mother, somebody has used one of the guest towels."

"Is it possible?" exclaimed her mother. "Some people don't seem to know what guest towels are for, you know!"

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Headlights with steering wheel control, which make night driving a pleasure.

## For Economy's Sake

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## HARDIN M. CROWE OF DEXTER MARRIES

## MINUTES OF MEETING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Hardin M. Crowe of Dexter and Miss Daisy M. Miller of Cape Girardeau were married Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Miller, and today were in St. Louis where they will spend a short honeymoon. The ceremony, an unpretentious affair, was attended only by the immediate family of the attractive bride and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Miller, her uncle and aunt, who live at Corral, Idaho. Rev. J. Pendleton Scruggs, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, was the officiating clergyman.

Mrs. Crowe, who has been a teacher at Lormier school here, had previously resigned her position, but remained at her post until 3 o'clock of the afternoon of the nuptials. She is of favorably known family who resided at Millersville before moving to Cape Girardeau a number of years ago.

The bride wore an attractive salmon pink gown. Immediately after the ceremony changed to a traveling costume preparatory to the motor trip to St. Louis.

Crowe is associated with his father, Edmund Pendleton Crowe, in publishing The Dexter Statesman, and for some time, after attending Missouri University, was employed by The Missourian. He is widely known in Southeast Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowe will make their home at Dexter.—Cape Missourian.

### MRS. CORRIGAN CAN'T QUITE FIGURE HOW IT HAPPENED

Mrs. John Corrigan does not believe in counting her chickens before they hatch, and she gives herewith the reasons:

A little over three weeks ago Mrs. Corrigan placed 11 eggs under an old hen that had "settling disposition". She put the hen and her eggs in a place where other hens could not get to her, and let her remain. A few days ago, Mrs. Corrigan heard the chirping of little chicks. She went to examine the new arrivals and was astonished to find an even dozen chickens and two unhatched eggs.

Mrs. Corrigan has been wondering how it happened, and believes there must have been three sets of "twins".—Poplar Bluff Republican.

### TWO FLYERS UNHURT IN 600-FOOT FALL

West Plains, Mo., January 29.—An airplane piloted by Capt. H. R. Heimler of Garnett, Kan., and with Frank Rosser of West Plains as a passenger fell six hundred feet and crashed on the roof of a two-story brick building on Washington avenue here today.

Their escape from death was miraculous, the metal and wooden roof breaking the fall.

The plane had been here two days carrying passengers and doing stunt flying. The rudder broke and the plane plunged downward. It was a total wreck.

H. A. Hill made a business trip to St. Louis and Evansville the first part of the week.

Mrs. C. E. Brenton and children were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Blanton, Sunday.

Mrs. Louis Baker, Mrs. J. A. Hess, Mrs. Grover Baker and Mrs. Maude Stubbs were visitors of the Ilmo W. C. T. U. Monday afternoon.

Nineteen years old and a mother for the fourth time. This is the record of Mrs. Cash Lawhead, who presented her husband with a girl baby Friday. Mrs. Lawhead is only nineteen years old and is the mother of four children, and no twins in the family. She was married to Cash Lawhead, a former county clerk of Howell County, when only fourteen years old.—West Plains Gazette.

Young promised to furnish all cigars

## ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

The undersigned administrator of the estate of John West, deceased, will offer for sale at public outcry in front of Hinckley's store at

Salcedo, Mo., Saturday, February 6

at 2:00 p. m., the personal property of said deceased, consisting of one log wagon complete, log chains, cant hook, a team of two good young bay horses and their harness.

Terms of Sale Made Known On Day of Sale

ROBERT THOMAS, Administrator

Meeting called to order by President Young. He then drew plans for financing of the new shirt factory, as follows:

Cotton compress ..... \$65,000

Cost for 15,000 bale compress 30,000

Cost to shirt factory ..... \$35,000

15,000 bales cotton per year

@ \$1 per bale ..... \$15,000

4 1/2 yrs. your money back of 65,000

Matter of letter from Mr. Grist of the Retail Merchants Institute in which he offers to come down and give three days and three nights lecture himself for \$250 was discussed.

Mr. Hinckley reported that he wrote Mr. Rowen, Secretary Elder Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, that we had the required number of applicants for shirt factory, but had not heard from him. The Secretary was ordered to write him a letter.

President Young stated that the coming year would be the greatest of all. The last year's work resulted in the passing of the sewer system bonds, the securing of the right-of-way for Highway No. 16 and the dewatering of the artesian well to the City of Sikeston.

He also said that we now have a concern wanting to locate here that is equal to the Ford plant, Malone avenue to be opened and the shirt factory established.

The matter of the Pig Club notes taken up, and \$1856.24 being now due the Banks, the Finance Committee reported that only four of its members were present and that they could not agree and would wait to get all six members present. They met again and after calling the two members over the phone, reported that a majority favored paying \$1000 on Pig Club notes. Motion then made by C. F. Bruton and seconded by C. C. White that the Chamber of Commerce pay the \$1000 on notes, and motion carried.

Matter of setting out strawberry crop taken up and discussed.

Resolution offered and passed by Chamber of Commerce extending to the widow of C. F. McMullin the sympathy of the organization. Copy ordered sent the widow and one each to the two papers.

The resolution follows:

Whereas, death has removed one of our most active members in the person of Chas. F. McMullin, who has been a member of the Sikeston Chamber of Commerce since its organization, and one who always lent his support to everything that came up for the good of the town and community for the upbuilding and uplifting of both its material and social welfare; Mr. McMullin was one of the prime movers in getting hard roads in Southeast Missouri; was also mainly instrumental in getting pure drinking water for this town; also in getting a sewerage system for the city; and,

Whereas, his influence will be greatly missed and his counsel lost to us, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Sikeston Chamber of Commerce, that we extend to the widow our sincere sympathy in her loss of husband and companion; be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be given to the widow and a copy of same be given to each of our papers and one copy spread on the minutes of the Chamber.

Motion made and carried that President appoint a committee to nominate the officers for the coming year, which officers are to be elected on the next meeting to be held on February 8, 1926. Ed Fuchs, H. C. Blanton, C. C. White, C. F. Bruton and H. A. Hill were appointed.

Mr. Hinckley suggested that if they could have a lunch at the next meeting, he would furnish the ice cream. Mr. Schorle promised the cake, H. S. the dishes and spoons and C. C. White some cigars. Mr. Young promised to furnish all cigars

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### TELEPHONE SNAPSHOTS



#### SPIRIT OF SERVICE

A few years ago a severe snow storm visited a large city. The next morning a local business man, on the way to his office, overtook a girl struggling through the drifts. He helped her for a few blocks and then said, "This is too much for me. I am going to turn back. I can do my business by telephone, anyhow. You'd better go home, too."

"No," said the girl, "I'll keep on, I'm a telephone operator."

#### "RIGHT"

A good practice is to acknowledge when the operator correctly repeats a number you have given her. She is instructed to hesitate a moment to make sure she has understood. If you will say "Right" it will save time. Of course, if she does not repeat the number as you gave it, correct her.

State Capitol destroyed by fire February 5, 1911, replaced by \$3,500,000 building.

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## NATIONWIDE SERVICE -- 16,000,000 TELEPHONES

if sixty-five would be present. Mr. Hebbeler asked to take charge of the affair.

Motion made to adjourn.

Arrangements have been perfected for this luncheon and it is hoped every member will be present.

The above minutes of the last

meeting were not furnished. The Standard for some reason when they were given to The Herald, but request given Monday of this week to print same.

### 564 CASES OF BEER SEIZED AT CAIRO, ILL.

Cairo, Ill., January 29.—Federal prohibition enforcement officers today seized 564 cases of bottled beer, estimated to be worth \$6000, in a warehouse here.

W. D. Moss, assistant chief of the St. Louis district of prohibition enforcement, announced he will ask for federal warrants for arrest of John P. Glynn, 60, proprietor of the storage warehouse, and Theron Pritchett, 41, manager.

The beer enforcement officers said,

the product of a Southern Illinois

brewery and the warehouse was a

distributing point. The cases were in

paper cartons and had been stored

without attempt to conceal them,

many being piled near the front door

in a furniture salesroom.

Mrs. Joe Mathis, who was taken to the hospital at Cairo last week for an operation, is improving nicely.

The Ashley flats, over the Rexall Drug Store, have been completely refinished and leased to Mrs. E. M. Crooks, who will take possession on February 1.

F. T. Cutliph and wife, of Vanduser, who have been staying at the Del Rey Hotel for several days while Mr. Cutliph took medical treatment from one of Sikeston's local physicians, have returned to Vanduser. Mr. Cutliph is very much improved in health.

Tevo McCullin of Poplar Bluff is in the hospital as a result of the car of Jack Baldwin's colliding with a telephone post Sunday night in Poplar Bluff. Jack Baldwin, Sam Prater and McCullin were on their way home when trouble developed in the steering wheel of the Dodge coupe, causing the accident. McCullin who was seriously injured, was hurried to the hospital. The other occupants escaped with a few scratches. One side of the car was completely demolished.

## ROUTE 16 MAY BE CHANGED WEST OF HERE

Route 16 may be changed west of here so that there will be no grade crossing between here and Bertrand.

The change, it is stated, will leave the present route at the railroad crossing on the west border of Charleston and skirt the Cairo Branch of the Missouri Pacific to a point east of Bertrand, where the turn is made at the Thos. Lett place.

The abandoned part of 16, which is now a part of, will continue to be part of route 55, from Benton to Charleston, thence thence through to Anniston and Wolf Island.

It is expected that state engineers will at once make this survey and it will be constructed at the expense of the state. This will not impair the refund money due this county, but will likely not leave any available for the present. Roads already contracted for in the county will not be delayed in the construction thereof but it is probable there will be delay in building any other refund roads for a year. The route will be shortened between here and Bertrand by the change and will not discommode anyone as the present route will not be interfered with.

It was reported the new road would be 18 feet wide and start from the railway crossing at Locust street (at the E. C. Robinson Lumber Company yard), and the nine foot strip widened to the crossing on the west border limits.—Charleston Times.

When asked about the above

change in the road, F. B. Newton in

charge of Division 10, stated to a Standard representative that it was

on the program to make this change. He stated that the Public Service Commission of the State had forced many railroads to build viaducts or tunnels to avoid railroad crossings in order to avoid accidents, and it was

but right for the State Highway

Commission to do their share to avoid possible accidents. This may have a bearing on the concrete roads thru or by Sikeston when the time for construction arrives.

Mrs. C. M. Clay of Memphis, Tenn.,

is the guest of her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. E. A. Lawrence, of the Del Rey

Hotel.

W. B. Lacy, proprietor of the

Commercial Hotel of New Madrid,

called at The Standard office Saturday morning.

### CHURCH NOTICES

The Young Ladies Circle of the Christian Church will meet with Mrs. Bloomfield, 521 Williams Street, on Tuesday evening at 7:30.

The Ladies' Aid of the Christian Church will meet with Mrs. J. C. Davis, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Lois Bailey's Sunday school class of the Christian Church will meet with Mrs. E. B. Hensley Friday evening at seven o'clock for a social hour.

The Girls Circle of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. G. A. Dempster Tuesday night. This Circle is making a very pretty embroidered quilt which they expect to finish and have for sale at the end of this month.

The Presbyterian church Board have issued a call to Rev. J. J. Johnson of St. Louis. Rev. Johnson is a man of exceptional ability and it is greatly hoped he will accept this call.

The Co-Workers of the Methodist Church will meet with Mrs. W. E. Derris Tuesday afternoon, February 9.

Revival services of the Methodist Church will start at the Methodist church Sunday, February 7.

Tuesday morning the candles will be blessed at the 7:30 mass at the Catholic church.

NEGO WOMAN LAWYER

JOINS SUPREME COURT BAR

Washington, January 29.—The first negro woman lawyer ever admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States today became a member of that bar.

She was Violette N. Anderson of Chicago. She was admitted upon a certificate which showed that she had practiced for more than three years before the highest court of Illinois.

Every player piano, every straight piano, all phonographs, Radiolas, records, sheet music, fixtures, lamps, cash register, in fact every item in our Sikeston store is being offered at radically reduced prices. The stock is disappearing rapidly, hence, if there is a piece in the store that

YOU want, we advise that you get

busy at once. Prices are being cut with an axe, not a pen knife. Business-like terms are offered on the purchase of all instruments. Don't miss a good thing.—The LAIR COMPANY. 2t.

## WAGE INCREASE TO BE SOUGHT BY TRAINMEN

## DR. KENDALL PASSES FOUR SCORE YEARS

Cleveland, Ohio, January 29.—Wage increases of practically \$1 a day for all members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Order of Railway Conductors will be presented to all American railroads on February 1 by the general chairmen of the two brotherhoods and an answer requested by March 27, President W. G. Lee, of the trainmen, announced.

President Lee said he estimated the increase, to about the peak wage scale of 1920, if granted, would total "less than \$250,000,000". The amount he said, is entirely a guess.

In the case of a few roads where contracts do not expire until the latter part of 1926,

LOCAL AND PERSONAL  
FROM MATTHEWS

B. Warren. He is a very energetic young man. Their many friends extend hearty congratulations for a long and happy married life.

Matthews' basketball teams played another very interesting game of ball Friday evening with the Charleston teams. The first game was between the girls. A very good game was played, both teams working hard but the Charleston girls were visitors with a 13-15 score. The boys played excellent ball, but Charleston again won the victory. The score being 12-11.

Little Betty Jeane Hill was on the sick list last week.

Dick Burch of Oran was in Matthews last week on business.

Misses Deane and Myrtle Whitten were Sikeston visitors last week.

Mrs. J. P. Rice of St. Louis arrived last week on a visit to relatives.

Miss Mildred Harper and Ted Atchley attended the show in Sikeston Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Englehardt and little daughter were Sikeston visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Davis of Cananou were Matthews visitors Sunday.

L. O. Harper had business in Sikeston Saturday.

Albert Deane and little daughter, G. F. Deane and daughter Miss Alice, motored to St. Louis Saturday to see Mrs. Albert Deane, who is in the hospital waiting to have a goitre removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Hill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill.

Misses Mary and Marie Deane spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Malcolm Ratcliff is still very ill. Very little improvement could be noticed the last reports.

Mrs. Lee Skeggs of East Prairie and Mrs. Dawson O'Brian and little son were Matthews visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Buckles and baby of Sikeston spent Saturday and Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gill Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Forrest and children motored to Sikeston Thursday to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

Miss Lillie Daugherty and Tallie Warren were married in Sikeston on Wednesday evening, January 27, by Rev. S. P. Brite. Mrs. Warren is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Daugherty and is one of Matthews' popular young ladies. She has been employed some time as a saleslady for J. W. Emory. Mr. Warren is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchen of Blytheville, Ark., are registered at the Del Rey Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lampert had dinner guests Sunday, Ed Hurchelburg of St. Louis, Herman Banks of Oran, Mr. and Mrs. L. Friedman and family of East Prairie.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL  
FROM NEW MADRID

Ralph Mathewson, an employee of the State Highway, with headquarters at Kansas City, arrived Monday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mathewson and sister, Miss Eloise.

Mrs. R. L. Simmons and sister, Miss Linda Stewart, spent Wednesday in Portageville, guests of their sister, Mrs. T. A. Lee and family.

Judge W. L. Stacy of Sikeston was a business visitor in New Madrid.

G. V. Montague spent several days this week in Cape Girardeau on business.

S. S. Thompson, L. Robbs, Columbie Little, Attorney O. A. Cook were among the Portageville visitors at Circuit Court in New Madrid, Wednesday.

S. S. Motley of Gideon attended court in New Madrid this week.

Atty. Ray B. Lucas of Benton was looking after professional matters in Circuit Court Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mann, Mrs. H. C. Riley, Jr., and Miss Annie Howard spent the latter part of the week in St. Louis.

Atty. Claude S. Hale of St. Louis was a witness in the Everhart case Wednesday.

H. L. Boaz, Claude Blackman, J. J. Greer and Leo King were among the many witnesses from Parma in the Everhart murder trial.

R. T. Sexton, city marshal of Cananou was a business visitor in New Madrid Wednesday.

D. C. Kimes of Marston spent Wednesday in New Madrid, on business.

Miss Mary Gibson of Marston spent Tuesday in New Madrid.

G. E. Spitzer of Balden spent Tuesday in New Madrid on business.

Mrs. H. L. Smith will entertain the Mentalink Club next Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Lampert has returned from a three weeks' visit in Chicago and St. Louis.

Raymond Pierce and Paul Gentles will be in charge of the paper route in Sikeston formerly operated by Green Lescher. They have rented the Hole-in-the-Wall in the Del Rey Hotel Building, for their headquarters.

J. S. Dickson left for Memphis, Tenn., Monday to take charge of the erection department over a territory of four states, for the Murry Cotton Company. Mr. Dickson expects to spend each week-end in Sikeston with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Griffin and Mrs. Josephine Hart motored to Charleston Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Le Gant of Gideon were here Sunday spending the day with John Dunafee and family.

Miss Mary Dunafee returned home with them after visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Le Gant.

Howard Dunaway spent the weekend with his wife and family here this week.

Lewis Griswold was visiting here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Height are the parents of a baby girl born Friday.

The Little Miss weighed ten and a half pounds.

Miss Laura Murphy, Clyde Gregory, Miss May Wilson and R. R. Gilbert motored to Gray Ridge Sunday to visit friends.

Edgar Simmons spent a few hours in Poplar Bluff Saturday.

A convention of Vocational Agricultural Instructors of Southeast Missouri was held in Poplar Bluff Saturday. George Reavis, state director and John Boyd, state supervisor, were present. Mr. Reavis stated that there would be funds for about fifteen new schools next year and he would like to see most of them in Southeast Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Edwards attended the meeting.

Dr. Elders of Arkansas was called here last week to see his nephew, Junior Elders, who has been quite ill with pneumonia.

The first meeting of the night school for farmers was held at Sikeston Friday night. There were about forty present. Pictures were shown by courtesy of the Stubbs Motor Co.

The subject selected for study by the night school was hog production and poultry. The next meeting will be held, Friday, February 5, in addition to the technical study three will be a radio program and some special entertainment numbers.

Miss Georgia Jennings gave a dinner party in honor of Miss Marcia Velvet of Poplar Bluff, at Happy's Tea Room, Saturday evening. The guests present were: Mrs. Roy V. Ellise, Misses Ruth Wilkerson, Anna Johnston and Lucille Runge.

FOR RENT—Two-story house, every convenience. Call 58.

FOR RENT—Two rooms for light house keeping.—R. E. Limbaugh.

FOR RENT—A five-room house. Call Clarence Scott, Sikeston Trust Co.

FOR RENT—5-room house. Call Clarence Scott, Sikeston Trust Co.

FOR RENT—6-room house with bath, on N. Ranney St.—Mrs. C. A. Cook.

FOR SALE—Two tombs in the Sikeston Mausoleum. Inquire of J. A. Barber.

WANTED—Experienced bookkeeper and stenographer. Address R. Q. care of The Standard.

The Tigelettes won an easy victory for a hard adversary Thursday night at Clarkton when they beat Malden 250 miles.—Apply at Standard office.

19-12, Vera Wellman and Thelma LOST—White gold Elgin wrist Reynolds were the score makers for watch, in Sikeston, Tuesday morning.

Morehouse. The Tigers received a reward. Call The Standard, 1164.

Trimming at the hands of Vanduser, Friday night.

The Methodist Church service was all but disrupted Sunday morning when a collision occurred just in front of the church. A man by the name of Horne from Benton, apparently under the influence of liquor, drove headlong with great speed into the Ford sedan of Harry Fox, who had just stopped to let out some friends. The force of the collision turned the Fox car turtle and partially wrecked both cars. Horne was lodged in the Morehouse city jail, where he awaits preliminary hearing.

Miss Rebecca Pierce of Sikeston, Dr. Reynolds of Port Huron, Mich., also another lady whose name we are unable to learn, will arrive this afternoon from Sikeston and will take part in the lodge work of the Woman's Benefit Association which meets at the Odd Fellows hall this evening.—Caruthersville Democrat.

The number of persons committed to prison for drunkenness in the year 1923-24 was 11,425, as compared with 51,851 in 1913-14.

MISSOURI SETS RECORD  
FOR ROAD BUILDING

Jefferson City, January 27.—A record for highway construction in Missouri was set during 1925, when 832 miles of road was hard surfaced and 388 miles were graded. This was revealed today by the annual report of the Missouri Highway Commission, issued at the highway department here. The total value of state highway work completed during the last year was \$26,27,612, it was reported.

In 1924 there was 628 miles hard surfaced and 63 miles graded, at a total cost of \$20,293,741, while in 1923 there was 439 miles hard surfaced and 595 miles graded, at a total cost of \$13,374,411.

The girls' basketball team displayed a remarkable improvement over the past engagements, teamwork prevailed, and thus brought victory in the order of 31 points for Sikeston, while Bridges were only able to score 9 points.

The girls' score:

SIKESTON—

Forwards

Mount ..... 15

F. Baker ..... 12

Freeman ..... 4

Mathis ..... 0

M. Baker ..... 0

Guards

Gilbert ..... 0

Trousdale ..... 0

Arbaugh ..... 0

Nicholas ..... 0

BRIDGES—

Forwards

E. Duckett ..... 9

Morris ..... 0

Centers

Lola Jackson ..... 0

Fox ..... 0

Guards

Lena Jackson ..... 0

A. Duckett ..... 0

The Sikeston boys played with the old Bulldog spirit—fight to the finish and never give in. Although they took an early lead over the Bridges' five, the game was very interesting from the side line.

SIKESTON—

Forwards

Capt. Smith ..... 13

Skillman ..... 6

Killgore ..... 0

Centers

Albright ..... 4

Guards

Trousdale ..... 0

Marshall ..... 0

Fox ..... 0

BRIDGES—

Forwards

Nance ..... 4

Jackson ..... 4

Brewer ..... 0

Center

Shelby ..... 0

Thomason ..... 0

Guards

Presson ..... 0

Heath ..... 1

Weekly of Sikeston, referee.

Sikeston will play at Morehouse on next Friday.

## COUNTY COURT MATTER

Bids for work in latteral 3, drainage district 15 are opened, as follows: G. E. Stoner \$1908.80, E. E. Hudson \$100.72, F. P. White \$1741.57, E. C. Marshall \$1672.90, Ford and Taylor \$1629.34; contract is awarded to Ford and Taylor.

Ordered that \$33,380 be added to the tax books, as assessable in Scott County, in matter of personal assessment of W. B. Anderson estate.

Erroneous assessment of Mary G. Moore ordered stricken off tax books.

Ordered that assessment of B. R. Price be changed from school district 19 to district 26; R. L. Bain from district 5 to district 3; and Henry Groves from district 2 to district 15.

Assessment of Thomas Jackson is ordered reduced from \$220 to \$100.

Personal assessment of Eva Bumpus is ordered reduced \$800.

Harry Birdnow of Chaffee is ordered sent to State Sanitarium at Mt. Vernon.

P. E. Eldridge, gas and oil, \$3.40.

J. C. Diebold, work on bridges, \$57.

Sikeston Standard, blanks for justices of peace at Sikeston, \$178.

Ilmo Jimplicite, notice to contractors, \$17.50.

Contract of Harris Bissell for building bridge over Sals Creek is filed and approved.

O. F. Miller resigns as constable of Commerce township, and Arthur Gaither is appointed to fill out unexpired term.

Swank-Tanner Engineering Co., services drainage district 15, \$72.90; district 10, \$27.80.

G. E. Stoner, reconstruction work in drainage district 10, \$193.60.

Contract of Ford and Taylor for work in drainage district 15 is approved and filed.—Benton Democrat.

Origin of St. Valentine's Day

There were at least three St. Valentine's, all of them martyrs under the date of February 14. One a priest at Rome, another a Bishop of Interamna. Of the third, who suffered in Africa with a number of companions, nothing further is known.

The popular customs connected with Saint Valentine's Day undoubtedly had their origin in a conventional belief generally received in England and France during the Middle Ages, that on February 14, i. e.

## OH, DOCTOR, COME QUICK!

I had to crawl out of bed and drive two miles into the country when old Mrs. Ward telephoned in frantic alarm. She had swallowed her false teeth. I have been crawling out of bed for nearly thirty years to relieve the pains and ills of suffering folks. That is my business as a country doctor. I have answered every call I possibly could, except for one or two that I may tell you about shortly. Mrs. Ward was suffering when I reached her home. "They hurt my stomach so. Do you think I will die?"

she moaned. "I always put my teeth in that glass on the dresser, but tonight I went to sleep with them in my mouth. I woke up with a start—my teeth were gone. How they hurt my stomach!"

I can't help sympathizing with my patients and I did feel sorry for Mrs. Ward—she seemed so uncomfortable. But I couldn't locate the teeth. I opened my satchel where it sat on the dresser and looked around.

"Have you two sets of false teeth, Mrs. Ward?" I inquired.

"No, doctor; just these I swallowed. Oh!"

"Well", I said, "that's funny. I see another set in this cup on the other side of the dresser".

Mrs. Ward's pain stopped instantly. I seldom have had a more successful treatment. But as I drove back to town I reflected that after all it seemed better to go out on a useless call now and then than ever to ignore one when I was really needed. And it set me to thinking of scores of other incidents in my thirty years as a country practitioner. Some of them are funny, while others still make me swallow hard when they come to mind.

A man has no business starting out to be a country doctor if he is anxious for his own comfort, for nobody can be expected to have much regard for that. It was five below zero a few weeks ago when a woman called me out into the country at midnight to see her baby. I found the child sleeping peacefully. It had been fretting during the day and again after bedtime. As people often do, she waited until the middle of the night before calling me.

These two incidents are typical of the many needless calls I have made. I wish I could impress upon everyone two ideas:

1. Don't wait until the middle of the night to call the doctor if you think you are going to need him. Make up your mind during the day. It is cheaper for you and a lot better for the doctor.

2. Keep a medicine chest of the simple remedies. Label each properly and familiarize yourself with its uses. That will save you many a doctor bill and save the doctor many a needless call.

You should have in your chest turpentine, camphor, iodine, medicated cotton, surgical gauze and tape, quinine, a good laxative and other standard items. Your own physician will gladly give you a full list of these and help you learn what each is good for.

I hope although, that you will at least offer to pay him for the advice.

Too many country doctors get so interested in "dedicating" themselves to the service of humanity that they fail to look after themselves properly. One lovable old physician died in our town last year after more than fifty years of such service. He never worried much about being paid for his services, and his patients didn't worry much about paying him. He left only a few hundred dollars, and his widow would be destitute but for her son-in-law's help.

I estimate that I have received no pay for about fifteen per cent of my work in these thirty years. I remember distinctly a call back in the horse-and-buggy days. It was early in February and I rather welcomed the nine-mile night drive behind a steaming mare because it was a pleasant night and there was to be a total eclipse of the moon that I wanted to see.

The roads were muddy. We had just had heavy rains after a big thaw. I had to ford a creek and I was surprised at its width and unaccustomed swiftness. Old Blackie waded in without hesitation. Soon the water was in the buggy bed. I put my feet on the dashboard. Quicker than I can tell it, a wheel struck a rock, the buggy upset and I found myself swimming for the bank.

I coaxed old Blackie into shallow water and unhitched her. I tied her to a bush, managed to right the buggy and pull it out. Believe me, she had to step when we go going again, and I was glad to change clothes at the little shanty that was our destination.

This was one of the many cases of helping another little life into the world. I was impressed by the meager furnishings of the cabin. The husband slept heavily on a pallet on the floor all night, only waking with a grunt every hour or so when I stirred him up to get some wood for the fire. He was accustomed to letting his wife split the wood.

Before I left I asked the mother what else I could do for her.

"Would you mind fillin' and lightin' my pipe for me, Doc?" she said.

I left her propped upon an elbow contentedly puffing at a battered clay pipe.

I was present at the arrival of three babies in that home. I received one payment—half a load of hay. The family doctor seems to be regarded as a general counselor at everything. I have been called to the telephone to tell how to treat seed potatoes to prevent scab, how to kill

cucumber lice and how to cure chickens with the roup. Only the other night I sat up until dawn with a young farmer who came to my house and awoke me at two in the morning.

"Doc, I haven't slept a wink all night", he said. "Old Bunker James says he is going to foreclose my mortgage". All I could do for him besides listen was advise him to get an attorney.

I answer nearly every call. There was one I didn't answer and my conscience will always hurt because I didn't.

A fine young woman who taught her home district school came to my office one evening after making sure no one else was there. She was in serious trouble and wanted my help. I did the only thing I could do—I gave her the only advice three was to give in such a case. But she couldn't make up her mind to marry a man she was not sure she loved.

Her father called me about three o'clock one morning a few days later.

"Myra is awfully sick. Can you come right away?" he said.

I had driven in about midnight and left the car in my garage with a flat tire. I said I could be there in an hour, for it would take quite a bit to change the tires. He said she was too sick to wait that long and they would get another doctor. So I went back to bed.

The girl died before morning. I was the only person in the world who knew her trouble. Neither her parents nor the other doctor discovered that she was dying from an undertaking they had no cause to suspect a reason for. I could have saved her life because I knew what she would not tell the others. I should have answered that call anyway.

Of all such things is the country doctor's life: a continuing succession of tragedies, of heartbreaks, of humdrum and of thrills. Nothing is too much to promise the doctor if he will restore health to a loved one; any old time is soon enough to pay him after health is won back and pain forgot.

I had \$30 in cash and owed \$200 for my college expenses when I started practice. I own a nice home now and have a little money ahead, though not a great deal. After all, though, much as I have harped here about unpaid services, I will proudly own that the biggest reward of all my years as a doctor to country folks is the privilege of helping little children.

My wife and I were childless for several years and then a boy baby came to gladden our lives. He drew us closer together than we had ever been.

He was a wonderful, quaint, gladsome little fellow who made everyone happy who knew him. He was taken away by an accident. I can never shake off the gripping terror of those hours when we saw his life slowly ebbing away, helpless, to relieve his pain or prevent his going.

His mother and I could only sit by his bed during his last hours, wracked by the greatest agony that can torture human hearts, and then, after his release, suffer grief that even after many years still seems unbearable.

Since then, as never before, I willingly sit all night by the beside of an ailing child. To be able to make that child well and comfortable again, to relieve the fear that clutches the apprehensive hearts of the mother and father, seem to compensate for a thousand unpaid accounts on my ledger and for a thousand nights of broken sleep.—Country Doctor in the Farm and Fireside.

## Dis-Card

Once upon a time a queen's heart was won by a king. He had a large diamond which cost lots of jack. People at the wedding saw a great pair.

One night, however, the king played the deuce by coming in late. Whereupon the queen grabbed a club from the tray. But the king would not admit that he was beaten. He tried trumps, handing her four tens, remarking, "Do some shopping with what I won".

So they lived happily ever after, and no spades were needed.—Texas Ranger.

P. W. Wilson calls Queen Marie of Rumania the mother-in-law of the Balkans.

A turtle can lay 150 eggs in half an hour.—News item. She doesn't stop to cackle.—Jack Haney, New Orleans Picayune.

And that's the creature that has no reputation for speed!—Globe-Democrat.

Aunty—What became of that kitten you had?

Niece (in surprise)—Why, don't you know?

"I haven't heard a word, was she poisoned?"

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"Drowned?"

"No'm".

"Stolen?"

"No'm".

"Hurt in any way?"

"No'm. She growed into a cat".

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New York, January 29.—John McCormack, the singer, has insured himself for \$1,000,000 under the endowment plan, it was announced today.

The insurance is in the form of a series of ten-year policies, the last of which has just been issued. In a few years he will begin receiving payments of annual installments and by 1936 will have received the total \$1,000,000.

With the proceeds of his concerts and the immense royalties on phonograph records his income between the ages of 45 and 51 is expected to rank with that of the wealthiest financiers and captains of industry, the announcement said. The policy was described as probably the largest ever recorded in endowment insurance.

In parts of Chinese Turkestan women are so numerous, due to the emigration of the men, that the marriage ceremony by the mullah and the bill of divorce are given at the same time.

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#### GIRL'S BODY LOCATED IN WOMAN'S DREAM

Bernie, January 29.—The body of Miss Ora Huffstetter, 35 years old, was found in Drainage Ditch No. 2 one mile southeast of her home Wednesday morning after a two-day search for the missing girl.

Miss Huffstetter had been a semi-invalid for the past several years, and her mind had become somewhat enfeebled by disease, but as nothing unusual had occurred lately her parents were not alarmed when she disappeared from her home Monday afternoon during the absence of the other members of the family. The girl frequently had made short calls on nearby neighbors and was well known in the vicinity.

When Mrs. J. J. Johnson, who lived just across the street, dropped in at the Huffstetter home in the early evening the absence of Ora was barely mentioned.

But Mrs. Johnson returned to her home and after retiring had a dream in which she saw her young friend struggling under the waters of a turbulent stream. On inquiry next morning, she learned that the parents of the girl had become much concerned over her continued absence, and it was then that Mrs. Johnson confined her dream to a neighbor, but still did not take it seriously.

All day Tuesday the relatives of the girl, assisted by friends and the city officials, kept up their search, and investigations were made by wire to all the towns in the South-eastern part of the State and adjacent Arkansas.

Tuesday night, Mrs. Johnson went to sleep in a troubled state of mind and again visioned Ora Huffstetter struggling in the waters of a ditch. The route to the spot was made clear to the dreamer, although she had never been there in person. She awoke in a tremor of excitement, told her husband of the dream, got up and changed beds, hoping to find rest by a change of rooms. But no sooner was she asleep than the dream came again with such vivid force that she could not awake and free herself as before.

The next morning she informed her husband, who had joined the searching party, that unless he directed someone there she would go herself to the place she had seen in her dream and see if the girl was not there.

Early Wednesday morning the party proceeded to the spot—as visioned in the dream—and there found the missing girl under the waters of the ditch.

A hen will drink twenty times her weight in water in a year.

#### MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

#### FEDERAL BOARD FOR SURPLUS ADVOCATED

St. Louis—Missouri-Pacific Railroad to construct 23 miles additional double-track, between here and Jefferson City.

Pierce City—Plans on foot for improving water supply system.

Greenville—Pleasant Valley, Burbank and Greenville school districts plan to consolidate.

Union—Citizens Bank takes over assets and liabilities of People's Bank of Union.

Moberly—Large ice concern here installing electric machinery.

St. Louis—General Electric Co. planning to erect huge plant here.

Tuscumbia—Pledges obtained for growing 285 acres strawberries in Miller County.

Mount Washington—New Lambert Hall formally dedicated.

Cairo—Webb & Dunn contract for construction of new ferry boat for Cairo, Kentucky and Missouri trade.

De Soto—Contract let for constructing new high school building.

Westover—New fish hatchery installed on Bischoff farm.

Houston—City to vote on installation of waterworks system.

Slater—Slater power plant installs third Fairbanks-Morse oil engine.

Ronipan—New bridge will be built across Current River.

Flat River—Cornerstone laid for new Jewish temple.

Bethany—1925 postal receipts showed increase of five and a half per cent over 1924.

Trenton—Two and a half miles paved road opened to travel on highway No. 3, south of here.

Leeton—Post office occupying new quarters in Swearingen building.

Carthage—Missouri-Pacific railroad planning to double-track between and Cotter.

Springfield—New co-operative creamery will be built in this territory.

Jamestown—Paved road between here and Gallatin to be completed soon.

Kirksville—This city soon to be on paved highway, extending south to Columbia.

Hillsboro—Union Electric Company making many improvements in Jefferson County.

Rolla—Central Missouri Hatchery will soon open for business.

Booneville—3 electric pumps placed in operation by Missouri Power & Light Company.

Monett—Ozark Fruit Growers' Association will build permanent office building here.

Carthage—1925 post office receipts broke all previous records.

Monett—Freight handled by Frisco system during 1925 showed increase of 7.61 per cent.

Butler—Movement on foot for securing new creamery for this place.

Amsterdam—New bank organized here.

Jasper—Jasper light plant sold to L. K. Green, who will institute 24-hour electric light service.

Slater—Stock shipments heavy.

St. James—Carload stock shipped from here recently.

Caputhersville—Contract let for constructing 5 miles paved road west of this place.

Princeton—Rock Island railroad preparing to open ballast pit here.

Excelsior Springs—Two local banks report large increase in deposits.

St. Louis—Airline Highway opened to traffic.

Monet—New stop signals placed at street intersections on Broadway.

Trenton—Second floor of Trenton Buick building remodeled into offices.

Mexico—Contract to be let at once, for constructing 33-mile stretch of Highway No. 2 across North Callaway and Boone Counties.

Edina—Bank of Edina and T. J. Lyman Banking House, consolidate.

Mexico—Criswell Drug Co. completes new storeroom just south of present quarters.

Rolla—Work on new shoe factory progressing.

**CANTON WOMAN REGAINS  
\$50 LONG FORGOTTEN**

Canton, January 29.—Mrs. N. M. Baskett, wife of a physician of this city, has just discovered through a friend, that she is richer by \$50 than she thought she was, the sum representing a deposit in a Moberly bank years ago, which she had long since forgotten.

Mrs. Baskett has just been advised of this fact by Mrs. Penn Brace of Paris, Mo., who noticed her friend's name in the list of unclaimed accounts in Missouri banks, as published recently in the *Globe-Democrat*. She advised Mrs. Baskett, and the latter responded with an invitation to "come over to Canton and help spend it".

Our idea of a dumb-bell is the sap who tried to start the cuckoo clock by putting in bird seed.—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

Des Moines, Ia., January 19.—How to put the agricultural interests of the country in as strategic position as organized labor and as industry in general is the aim of the conference held here this week. The nucleus of central organization of farmers and others whose interests are dovetailed with agriculture emerged out of the conference of 11 states here and consists of a committee of 22, two from each state represented. They are empowered to lay out a plan for a permanent organization and meanwhile to work for immediate relief from conditions which make farming unprofitable.

Taking a leaf from the notebook of labor and industry, as it was pointed out by Congressman Strong of Kansas, the conference decided that it

would go before Congress and the nation with a clear outline of just what the farmer wants and, incidentally, what he proposes to do to get it.

What he wants, or at least what the conference decided he wants, is to put agriculture on a paying basis instead of a haphazard one. The way to do that, the conference decided, is by the formation of a Federal Farm Board, and, under its jurisdiction, a corporation to dispose of surplus farm products.

These principles, vigorously in-

stated in resolutions at the confer-

ences, are embodied in the bill offered in Congress by Representative L. J. Dickinson. The committee of 22—

it will become 24 if South Dakota ac-

cepts an invitation to name two mem-

bers—is pledged to work at Wash-

ington for passage of the Dickinson bill,

possibly amended somewhat to assure

united support of those whose inter-

ests it affects.

That the farm board and exports

corporation proposal does not meet

with the approval of the administra-

tion and is contrary to the President's

announced objection to the Federal

Government taking the lead rather

than an auxiliary stand, in working

out the farmers' problem did not

daunt the conference.

"If we don't get what we want at

this session of Congress, there will be

other sessions", declared one of the

leaders. "If our present representa-

tives don't want to give us what we

want we have the power, if we act

together, to replace them with repre-

sentatives who will. If the adminis-

tration wishes to oppose we have

the strength to make some its pro-

jects find the sledding hard".

A new national policy for agriculture and a union of the farmers that will be able to see this policy worked out through Congress and otherwise is foreseen as a result of the Corn Belt Conference here by George N. Peck of Moline, Ill., president of the American Council of Agriculture.

There will be but two groups in the national life, Peck declared, that would be recognized by the farmers—those who favor placing agriculture and other industries in a pro-

tected price for industry and labor and a world price for the basis products of the farm", he said. "I mean not only the tariff, but such measures as the Adamson law, the Esch-Cummins law, the Federal Reserve Act, the Railroad Labor Board, the Coal Board, restriction of immigration.

"Agriculture, unorganized effec-

tively, remains subject to world in-

fluences. It is economic law that the price of the surplus is the price of the crop. With full knowledge of

the last two administrations in Wash-

ington, the farmer has been and is

now buying in an American market

selling in the world market, in com-

petition with the European peasant

and the Argentine Indian".

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